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Fuzhou Ting Status Report of September 12, 2011:

And — Ladies and Gentlemen, I give you**The Fuzhou Ting !!!**

Finally, comes the proudest moment of the project. And at this moment, I am actually speechless.

A grand opening and dedication ceremony co-sponsored by the Chinese Reconciliation Project Foundation and the City of Tacoma is scheduled on Thursday, September 22, 2011, at 2:00 p.m., on the site of the Chinese Reconciliation Park. Vice-Mayor Chen Qi of Fuzhou, China will be attending the ceremony. A pre-dedication Welcome Reception (with a cost) for Mr. Chen and his delegation is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, at 6:00-7:30 p.m., at the Courtyard Marriott.

For more information, please see the attached invitation. I might add that September 21-22 happens to be the anniversary of the beginning of the Ting construction (See the Fuzhou Ting Status Report 9-24-10). Not a pure, but nevertheless beautiful, coincidence.

The dedication ceremony marks the completion of this unique and authentic landmark, the opening of it for the public's appreciation, the long-lasting sister city relationship of Fuzhou and Tacoma, and more importantly, the beginning of the next phase of the Chinese Reconciliation Park project. As we are marching forward, we need your continued support. So, come join us at either or both events.

Unlike previous status reports, this report does not include any picture of the Fuzhou Ting. I did that on purpose. I wanted you to come on down on September 22 and see the beauty in her for yourself. It is now your turn to take better photos. You will also love her forever, take good care of her, and watch her attentively to help protect her from any vandalism or damage.

Can you promise me that?

(This report is also posted at www.cityoftacoma.org/Planning > "Chinese Reconciliation Park")

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Our Vision



We envision a multi-purpose park and pavilion on the shore of Commencement Bay. We see a center where people of different cultures can express their arts and folklore. We see a safe haven where children come together, explore and celebrate their diverse backgrounds and common humanity. We see people gathering on the shore of Puget Sound at this Tacoma landmark feeling welcome and proud of being part of a united community.

The Chinese Reconciliation Project Foundation Board
and The City of Tacoma invite
you to celebrate the dedication of the Fuzhou ting (pavilion)
for the Chinese Reconciliation Park with
Mayor Marilyn Strickland and Vice Mayor Chen Qi and
his delegation from Fuzhou, our Sister City,
on Thursday, September 22 at 2:00 PM at 1741 Schuster Parkway.

You are also invited to attend our pre-dedication Welcome Reception on
Wednesday, September 21 from 6:00-7:30 PM at the Courtyard Marriott |
free parking at Tacoma Convention Center | 1515 Commerce Street
Tacoma, WA 98402/ Almost dinner-Heavy hors d'oeuvres/cash bar/ \$ 50

Call Jim LeGro to reserve your ticket by September 19 at (253) 879-1202 or email candjl@wamail.net

Directions to the Ting dedication at Chinese Reconciliation Park:
Address: 1741 Schuster Parkway on Ruston Way waterfront.
From McCarver St. and 30th St. go E to waterfront into parking that leads to park