

The Chinese Unicorn "Qilin" Awakens In Houston

WHAT: Houston's First Qilin Awakening Ceremony

WHEN: Saturday, October 15, 2011 @ 11:00 am

WHERE: Texas Teo Chew Temple 10599 Turtlewood Court
Houston 77072 / [281] 983-0097

**WHO: Texas Teo Chew Association Dragon & Lion Dance Team
with the Austin Thien Hau - Linh Son Lion Dance Team**

For what is believed to be a first for Houston, Texas Teo Chew Temple will "Awaken the Qilin" in a sacred ceremony to bring the Chinese Unicorn "to life" to bless the temple and bring good omens of protection and serenity to all.

This Qilin Awakening will be part of The Blessing Ceremony to celebrate Teo Chew's newly remodeled temple, an architectural treasure and spiritual sanctuary for Houston's Buddhist community.

Recognized in the ancient hierarchy of mythic Chinese creatures, along with the Dragon and Phoenix, the Qilin is celebrated as an enduring talisman for long life, joy, wisdom and famous children! As a feng shui element, it is believed to facilitate the success of children. Qilin's power comes from its gentleness and it symbolizes longevity and prosperity.

The Qilin is associated with the birth or death of an auspicious ruler or sage. It is said the Qilin was seen shortly before the birth and death of Confucius. Only seen by the "chosen ones", the lone Qilin is a harbinger of happiness.

At Texas Teo Chew Temple, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 15, the public is invited to be one of the "chosen" and welcome the awakened Chinese Unicorn to its new family in Houston!



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