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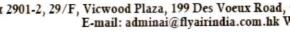
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#### Dear Friends

It is my honour and pleasure to welcome you all to the Durga Puja festivities of 2007, the ninth consecutive year that this sacred event is being celebrated in Hong Kong.

Only a few years ago when our Association first organized Durga Puja in this city, it seemed such a daunting and difficult task. Today it is an event that has become as much a part of our life in Hong Kong as it is back home in Kolkata. This year, however, we were faced with an unprecedented problem in that our usual venue for the Puja became unavailable due to unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances, thereby really putting at risk the continued celebration of this annual religious event that is so dear to all our hearts. It is said that "more things are wrought by prayers than the world dreams of", and sure enough our prayers to Ma Durga did not go unanswered! Amidst this crisis, Ma herself sent us a Messiah: The Home Affairs Department of the Hong Kong Government, which very kindly and most promptly responded to our appeal. Its officials have since gone out of their way to make every possible accommodation to enable us to celebrate the Puja with all its attendant festivities and fan fare. I wish to express my sincerest gratitude to our friends from the Home Affairs Department, as well as the members of the Yau Ma Tei Community Centre Management Committee, for providing us with this excellent venue, which shall enable us to observe the Durga Puja in all its splendour for all the five days of Puja. I really cannot thank them enough.

I would also like to convey my deep appreciation and gratitude to the Consulate General of India for helping us secure this venue. On behalf of the HKBA, I would especially like to thank the Consul General, Mr. L.D. Ralte, for taking a personal interest in the matter and, thereby, greatly helping our cause.

Organizing an event for the entire community is never an easy undertaking, but our efforts are greatly boosted by the good wishes, support and blessings of our friends from the other Indian communities, the various business organizations, the Hindu Association, friends from overseas, as well as our local Chinese friends. All this really enables us to make the Durga Puja an event for all of us in Hong Kong to savour. It is really heartening to see the joy of the occasion permeate through the entire Indian community. To all our well-wishers and friends I extend my heartfelt thanks and gratitude.

Finally I would like to thank all the members of The Hong Kong Bengali Association, as also the members of the Executive Committee for their tremendous enthusiasm, hard work and perseverance to make the organization of this great event possible. It is really an honour and privilege to work with such a fine team. Let us all come together and collectively pray for Ma Durga's blessings. May our lives be endowed with enduring happiness, good health, prosperity and peace.

I look forward to seeing you all at this year's Puja.

Dr. Subid Das
President, The Hong Kong Bengali Association

#### Durga Puja 2007

#### Multipurpose Hall, Henry G. Leong Yaumatei Community Centre 60 Public Square Street, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon.

Puja Timings (HK time as converted from Bengali almanac and are approximate only)

Sasthi	17 <sup>th</sup> October, 2007 Wednesday	Sasthi Puja (Starts from 6-30 p.m.) Prasad distribution				
Saptami	18 <sup>th</sup> October, 2007 Thursday	Saptami Puja (Starts from 9-30 a.m.) Prasad Distribution Sandhya Arati (Starts from 6-00 p.m.) Prasad Distribution				
Asthami	19 <sup>th</sup> October, 2007 Friday	Asthami Puja (Starts from 9-30 a.m.) Prasad Distribution Sandhya Arati (Starts from 5-30 p.m.) Dhunuchi Nritrya (Starts from 7-15 p.m.) Sandhi Puja (Starts from 8-30 p.m.) Prasad Distribution				
Navami	20 <sup>th</sup> October, 2007 Saturday	Navami Puja (Starts from 9-30 a.m.) Prasad Distribution Sandhya Arati (Starts from 5-30 p.m.) Prasad Distribution				
Dasami	21st October, 2007 Sunday	Dasami Puja (Starts from 10-30 a.m.) Prasad Distribution Sindoor khela / Pratima Bisarjan (Starts from 5-00 p.m.)				
Lakshmi Puja	25 <sup>th</sup> October, 2007. Thursday	Lakshmi Puja (Starts from 7-00 p.m.) Prasad Distribution				

#### PRIEST: SHRI SAKTI PRASAD MUKHERJEE

#### Certain important announcements

- 1. The Durga Puja and the Lakshmi Puja will be held at the Multipurpose Hall and at the Class Room, respectively, of the Community Centre. The Centre is close to the Yau Ma Tei MTR station. Car parking facilities are available nearby.
- 2. According to the rules of the Community Centre, all the premises will have to be vacated <u>latest</u> by 9-45 p.m. every day. It is planned to start the evening puja early to accommodate this.
- 3.Government regulations forbid consuming food items (including Prasad and Bhog) at the puja venue, the Multipurpose Hall. A Conference Hall of the Centre has also been hired during  $18^{th} 21^{st}$  October, 2007 (except on  $18^{th}$  October evening) for distribution of Prasad, Bhog and other matters. Members, guests and patrons are requested to kindly observe the governmental rules very strictly and to proceed to the Conference Hall for taking Prasad.
- 4.Government regulations also forbid the use of fire, candles, incense sticks etc at the puja venue. This puja will be solemnized free of fire, smoke and yagna. Electrical candles, agarbattis and pradips will be used, where possible.
- 5. We request parents and guardians to take full care and responsibility for accompanying children. The Association will not be responsible for any damage to public property at the puja venue.
- 6. Separate announcement will be made in respect of cultural programmes during the pujas.



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			100	Hindu Association Donation / Langar 19,000	
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			150	Laksnmi Puja Expenses 2,315	
			160	Payment to Temple Staff / Tips 4,350	
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BALANCESHEET AS AT FEBRUARY 28, 2007

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Surplus from Poila Baisakh	455	1000		Advertisement	7,000			
Advertisement Receivables	7,000	100						
Surplus from Durga Puja	52,499	100		ASH AT BANK	144,446			
Received Donation - Hi Fi System	3,500	100		Less: Provision for Sarswati Puja Catering	2,50	0		
Topolyou bondion 1111 System		100	7	CASH AT HAND	7,00			
Sub-total Sub-total	189,209	20				155,946		
Less:								
Donation to Sarada Seva Sangha	21,598							
Saraswati Puja Expenses	2,809	1.00						
Poila Baisakh Cultural Program	39,668							
Republic Day Celebration	2,600	1000						
Write off Receivables - Collection of Adv.payment	4,000	100			_			
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Write off Old Hi Fi System	2,910							
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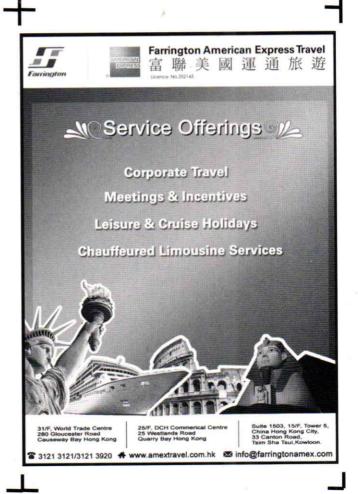
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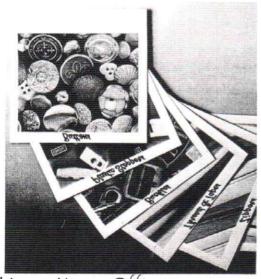


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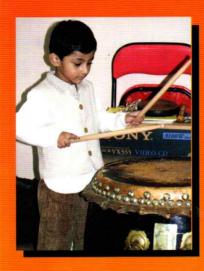
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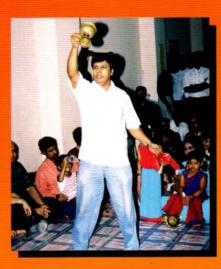


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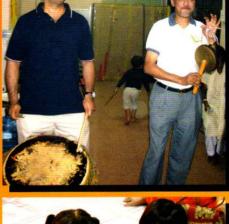
























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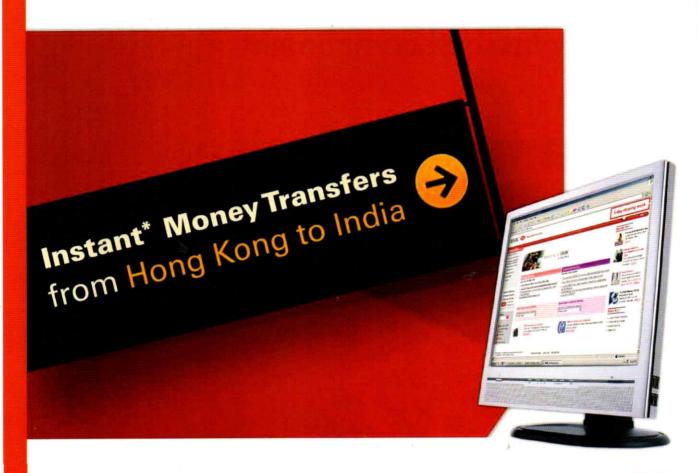








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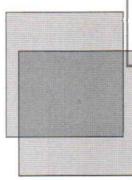
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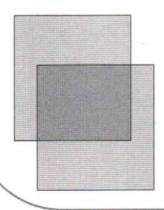


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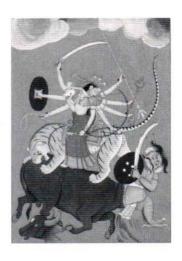
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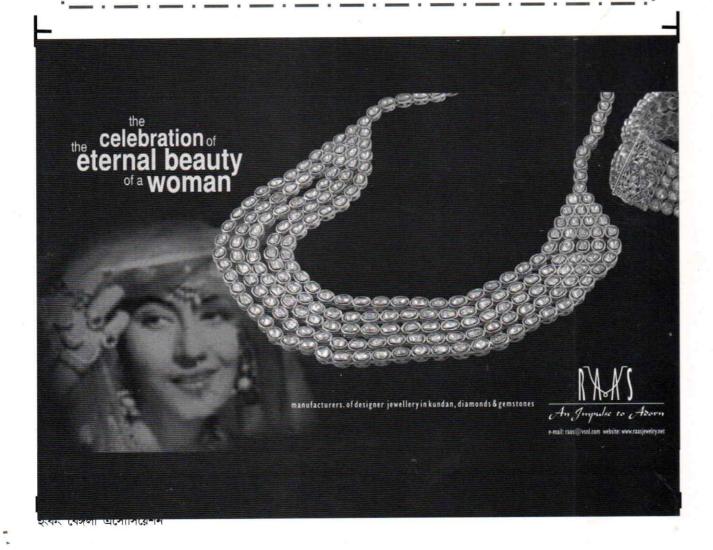
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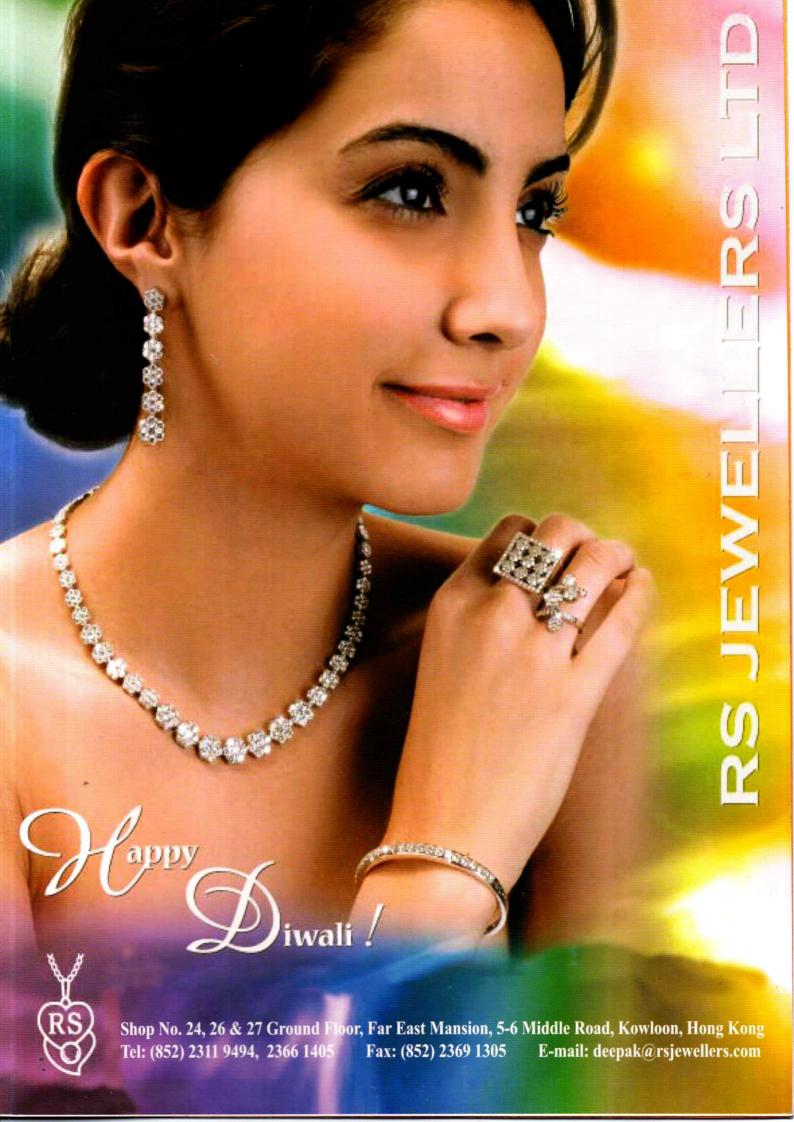


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