



LUMBINI UDYANA MAHACHAIYA

Location: International Cultural and Monastic Zone, center of Western section, Plot WC 12

Opening: April 4, 2011

Meaning of name:

Lumbini: the birthplace of Shakyamuni Buddha in Nepal; a UNESCO World Heritage site

Udyana: a Sanskrit word that means garden or orchard

Mahachaitya: Sanskrit for "Great Stupa"

Country affiliation: None, dedicated to Buddhism worldwide

Construction: Began in Fall 2006; built mostly by hand because of power outages

Architectural style: Modeled on the Shariputra Stupa at the ancient Nalanda University, Bihar, India

Architects exterior: Dominique Gondolff, France and Bishnu Panday, Nepal

Architects interior: Jerry Y. Hsu, Taiwan and Anuj Shrestha, Nepal

Building area: 48,600 square feet

Height: Central peak: 91 feet; Side towers: 45 feet; Main building: 29 feet

First floor: Auditorium, library, classrooms, office, dining hall, kitchen, residential rooms

Second floor: Main hall, classrooms, souvenir center, teacher residences, guest rooms

Safety features: Anti-Earthquake System, withstand a temblor up to 7.7 on the Richter scale

Environmental features: Solar panels with capacity of 20 KW (100% of basic light needs)

Cavity wall for natural insulation

Passive sunlight and airflow systems for comfort

Art: 38 large statues, 1000 smaller statues of Buddhas and Bodhisattavas, depicted in Sutrayana and Mantrayana traditions. All are original figures crafted in precious metals and in the style of the 7th to 13th century, often known as the era of the height of Buddhist art, mainly Pala period

Artists: Raj Kumar Shakya, Nepal and Nhuchhe Ratna Shakya, Nepal

Residents: About ten

Visitor Accommodations: Up to 42

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