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Greetings from the Governor

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I am pleased to extend warm greetings to all of those attending the Festival of the Jade Buddha for World Peace, hosted by the Co Lam Temple in Seattle.

Carved out of an 18 ton piece of translucent jade, this statue has been modeled after the Mahabodhi Stupa in Bohd Gaya, India--the most famous Buddha in the world. This endeavor has been five years in the making, and project partners hope that the Jade Buddha will inspire peace in the hearts and minds of all who see it. After the completion of its worldwide tour, this incredible sculpture will be housed at the Great Stupa of Universal Compassion in Bendigo, Australia, where it will continue to encourage harmony and personal reflection.

In addition to promoting peace, events like this help us gain a greater appreciation for other cultures, as well as the importance of our diversity. This tour represents the hope for a brighter future and a broader place of understanding, where diverse groups of people come together in the spirit of friendship and cooperation.

Thank you for coming, and please accept my best wishes for a meaningful event.

Sincerely,

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor