### (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE WITH NO SHARE CAPITAL AND A REGISTERED CHARITY)

#### REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 July 2014

COMPANY NO: 07323872 (ENGLAND & WALES)

**REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1138997** 

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# CONFUCIUS & TAO ASSOCIATION (UK) (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE WITH NO SHARE CAPITAL AND A REGISTERED CHARITY) OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS For the year ended 31 July 2014

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Trustees/Directors

DMH Chin (Chairman)

C Y He J C Khaw

H G Phua (Treasurer)

**Company Number** 

07323872 (England & Wales)

Registered Charity Number

1138997

**Registered Office** 

To 21.04.2015
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The trustees present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2014.

#### **CONSTITUTION**

Confucius Tao Association (UK) is a company limited by guarantee with no share capital incorporated on 22 July 2010. The company was granted charity status on 12 November 2010 and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

#### **OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY**

The objects of the charity are:

- To advance religion for the public benefit by promoting Buddhism and the teachings of the great Tao
- 2. To promote the mental or spiritual improvement of the community for the public benefit by sponsoring the teachings of Confucius
- 3. To promote religious and racial harmony for the public benefit by enhancing mutual understanding amongst all races and cultures in United Kingdom
- 4. To relieve those in need by provision of charitable, physical or moral assistance, for the public benefit

#### **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The trustees have considered their duty as outlined in Section 4 of the Companies Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The purpose of the charity is enshrined in its objectives as outlined above. The trustees ensure that this purpose is carried out for the public benefit by delivering a range of suitable activities.

#### **GOVERNANCE AND ORGANISATION**

The trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. One person is appointed as the Chairperson of the trustees and duties and responsibilities are allocated amongst the trustees and members. Meetings of the trustees are held throughout the year to deal with matters relating to the running of the charity and activities for members. The charity does not have any employees.

#### **DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES**

The trustees who have served during the year under review and to the date of signing these accounts are:

D M H Chin (Chairman)
Y P O Chin (resigned 31 May 2014)
T H Chua (resigned 31 May 2014)
C Y He (appointed 31 May 2014)
J C Khaw
H G Phua (Treasurer)
K Y Wong (resigned 31 May 2014)

Each of the above trustees is also a member and director of the company and each is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 in the event of the company being wound up.

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#### RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees are aware of the major operational and business risks which the charity faces and are confident that adequate systems are in place to mitigate any significant risks.

#### RESERVES POLICY

The trustees have examined the requirement for free reserves which are those unrestricted funds not invested in fixed assets, designated for special purposes or otherwise committed. The trustees consider that there are sufficient unrestricted funds to carry out the activities of the charity and to meet its running costs for at least 6 months ahead.

#### INVESTMENT POWERS AND POLICY

The charity's investment powers are governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association. This permits the charity's funds to be invested in investments, securities or property as may be thought fit but only after obtaining appropriate advice from a Financial Expert.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES DURING 2013/14**

During the year under review the charity continued to carry out its charitable activities at its rented meeting place for members situated at 1A Livingstone Road, Walthamstow London E17 9AU. It also held seminars to promote the teachings of Buddhism, Confucius and the Great Tao. In addition to prayer meetings, other activities included seminars on Tao and the teachings of Confucius, children's Sutra class, Mother's Day Celebration, Chinese Mid Autumn celebration. Members made moon cakes for sale during the Moon cake Festival to fundraise for the future purchase of a temple in London.

The charity operates in London . However it has informal links with other independent charity organisations based in Birmingham and Glasgow and fundraising is carried out in those locations for the charity.

#### PURCHASE OF FREEHOLD PROPERTY FOR USE AS TEMPLE

The charity was successful in purchasing the Freehold property at 47 Shernhall Street, Walthamstow that was put up for in July 2014. The purchase of the property was completed in August 2014. The cost of the Freehold Property was £740,000. With related professional and other costs of £4259, the total costs of the Freehold Property amounted to £744,259. The purchase costs were funded by donations raised in the past few years to date specifically for this purpose and total loans of £403,774 interest free loans with no fixed repayment terms generously provided by the supporters of the charity. The charity has submitted a planning application to the local council for change of use to a temple. This process is ongoing and in the meantime renovation works have also been started.

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity achieved a net surplus of £89,912 (2013 £ 129,005) primarily due its success in raising donations from its members and supporters in London, Glasgow and Birmingham. As at 31 July 2014, the Total reserves of the charity amounted to £ 372,457 (2013 £282,545).

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

Now that the charity has the new temple premises the trustees and members of the charity will continue to develop and expand its charitable activities and they will also be continuing fundraising activities for the charity.

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#### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS'/TRUSTEES'RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors/trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors/trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under the law the directors have to elect to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The accounting statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of its surplus or deficit of the company for at period. In preparing these financial statements the directors/trustees are required to:

- -Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- -Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- -Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- -State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of accounting practice have been

followed, subject to any departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
-prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis and in accordance with applicable accounting standards

The directors/trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the Financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 30 April 2015

and signed on its behalf by

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H G PHUA

Trustee

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### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT For the year ended 31 July 2014

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I report on the financial statements of Confucius & Tao Association (UK) ("the charity") for the year ended 31 July 2014 which are set out on pages 6 to 11.

#### Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The trustees of the charity (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the financial statements. The trustees of the charity consider that an audit is not required for the year (under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, I have:

- -examined the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- -followed the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- -stated whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directives given by the Charity Commission and regulation 11 of the 2006 Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeks explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

#### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006: and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Companies Act 2006 which are consistent with the method and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met or

to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Financial statements to be reached

Mei Sim Lai OBE DL FCA FCCA

LaiPeters & Co, Chartered Accountants

New Broad Street House

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30 April 2015

## CONFUCIUS & TAO ASSOCIATION (UK) (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE WITH NO SHARE CAPITAL AND A REGISTERED CHARITY) STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

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. •	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds £	Total 2013 £	Total 2013 £
INCOMING RESOURCES Incoming resources from generated Funds Voluntary income					
Donations, grants and similar incoming resources	3	22,183	98,507	120,690	159,294
Investment income	3		571	571	358
Total incoming resources		22,183	99,078	121,261	159,652
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities Governance costs	4 5	16,389 960	14,000	30,389 960	29,687 960
Total resources expended		17,349	14,000	31,349	30,647
Net incoming resources		4,834	85,078	89,912	129,005
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		16,007	266,838	282,545	153,540
Total funds carried forward		20,841	351,616	372,457	282,545

The charity had no gains or losses during the year other than those shown above. All the above results are derived from continuing activities

The notes on pages 6 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

# CONFUCIUS & TAO ASSOCIATION (UK) (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE WITH NO SHARE CAPITAL AND A REGISTERED CHARITY) BALANCE SHEET 31 July 2014

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	Notes	2014 £		2013 £	
FIXED ASSETS	110103	~		~	
Tangible fixed assets	2		745,531		1,696
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	16,755		4,079	
Cash at Bank and in hand	8	15,985		436,703	
	Ū	32,740		440,782	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year					
Creditors	9	(2,040)		(1,159)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>30,700</u>		439,623
			776,231		441,319
CREDITORS: amounts	10		(402 774)		(158,774)
falling due after more than one year			(403,774)		(130,774)
			<u>372,457</u>		282,545
RESERVES					
Unrestricted funds			20,841		16,007
Restricted funds	11		•		266,538
Restricted funds	11		<u>351,616</u>		200,338
TOTAL RESERVES			372,457		282,545
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The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) confirm that for the year ended 31 July 2014:

- The company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act")
- Members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. However in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner whose report appears on page 5.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The accounts were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 30 April 2015 and signed on behalf of the Board of trustees by:

H G PHUA Trustee

### CONFUCIUS & TAO ASSOCIATION (UK) (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE WITH NO SHARE CAPITAL

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#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### (a) Basis of preparation of accounts

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and comply with the Companies Act 2006 and with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in March 2005 and applicable accounting standards.

#### (b) Incoming resources

Income representing the value of gifts, donations and contributions from members is recognised in full in the statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

#### (c) Resources expended

Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered

#### (d) Unrestricted and Restricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income receivable or generated for the charity without a specified purpose and are available for the general use of the charity.

Restricted Funds are funds subject to specific restrictions imposed by donors or by the purpose of the appeal. The purpose and use of the restricted funds is set out in the notes to these accounts.

#### (e) Depreciation

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the costs of fixed assets, less their residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Fixtures and equipment

25% reducing balance

No amortisation has been provided on the Freehold Property purchased at the end of the accounting year.

#### (f) Foreign exchange

Transactions in respect of donations from overseas, denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling and recorded at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction.

Balances at the year end denominated in a foreign currency are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange at the balance sheet date.

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#### 2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property £	Fixtures and Equipment £	Т	otal £
Cost		2 201		2 201
At beginning of year	- 744,259	3,281		3,281 4,259
Addition during year	744,239	•	/4	4,237
Cost at end of year	744,259	<u>3,281</u>	74	7,540
Depreciation				
At beginning of year	-	1,585	· ·	,585
Charge for year	-	424		424
At end of year	-	2,009	<u>20</u>	009
Net Book Value				
31 July 2014	<u>744,259</u>	<u>1,272</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>5,531</u>
31 July 2013	=	1,696	2,044	
3. INCOMING RESOURCES			2014	2012
			2014 £	2013 £
Unrestricted donations			20,210	19,547
Sale of donated goods			-	-
Gift Aid recoverable			1,901	462
Uniforms			72	385
Total unrestricted incoming resources			22,183	20,394
Donations to pay rent			14,000	9,200
Donations to purchase building			73,732	127,025
Gift Aid recoverable			10,775	2,625
Bank interest			571	358
Total Restricted incoming resources		•	99,078	139,2581
Total Incoming resources			121,261	159,652
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2014 £

4. RESOURCES EXPENDED		
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	£	£
Charitable activities		
Meetings, events and seminar expenses	7,152	5,911
Support costs:	•	
Rent of premises	16,800	16,800
Utilities	3,038	3,834
Repairs & Maintenance	· <u>-</u>	-
Professional Fees	-	1,800
Printing & Stationery	84	150
General Expenses	484	356
Uniforms	-	190
Bank charges	127	72
Depreciation of Fixtures & Equipment	424	565
Donation to China Earthquake	2,280	-
Total cost of charitable activities	30,389	29,687
5. GOVERNANCE COSTS		
	2014	2013
	£	£
Independent Examiner's Fee (including VAT)	960	960
Companies House filing fee	-	14
	960	974

#### **6 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION**

The trustees are not remunerated and no expenses were claimed by the trustees during the year.

#### 7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Rent Deposit	1,100	1,100
Gift Aid recoverable	<u> 15,655</u>	<u>2,979</u>
	<u>16,755</u>	<u>4,079</u>
8. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND		
o. Cash at Davik and in hand	2014	2013
	£	£
Cash at Bank- Current account	14,100	16,310
Cash at Bank- Savings account	1,885	420,393
Cash in Hand	<del>_</del>	
	<u> 15,985</u>	436,703

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9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE Y	EAR				
	2014	2013			
	£	£			
Accruals	<u> 2,040</u>	<u>1,159</u>			
10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR					
	2014	2013			
	£	£			
Loans to assist with the purchase of a building for use as a temple	403,774	158,774			

The above loans have been provided by supporters of the charity on an interest free basis. No repayment terms have been fixed as this will be mutually decided and applied at a later date following the purchase of the Freehold Property at the end of the accounting year.

11. RESTRICTED FUNDS	2013 £	2012 £
BUILDING FUND	-	~
At beginning of year	266,538	138,280
Funds raised during year	84,507	129,700
Bank interest	571	2,675
	251 616	207 220
At end of year	<u>351,616</u>	<u>286,338</u>
OTHER RESTRICTED FUNDS		
Donations in year to pay rent	14,000	9,200
Utilised in year	(14,000)	(9,200)
Professional fees		(1,800)
At end of year	-	(1,800)
Total of Restricted Funds at end of year	351,616	266,538

#### 12. CONTROL

The charitable company was controlled during the year by the board of Directors/trustees.

#### 13. RELATED PARTIES TRANSACTIONS

Donations and loans have been received from the Trustees during the year. Apart from this there were no other related parties transactions during the year.