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## Relics and pictures on display

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Leper Settlement, Johore Bahru, to distribute gifts. The Singapore Buddhist Association has arranged an elaborate programme including sermons and puja, and a student's speech contest at the Sri Lankaramaya temple in St. Michael's Road. Members will visit Trafalgar Home to distribute presents on Wednesday.

The Buddha Gaya Temple in Race Course Road is to hold a vegetarian feast between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. tomorrow and at night the Lion Dance Corps will approach the temple at the head of a procession.

An exhibition of Buddhist relics and pictures of interest will be open to the public during the period of celebration.

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