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Tibetan treasures

Step into **Sacred Citadel** and you can't help but be amazed at the many treasures owner Dr Premendra Verma has amassed from Tibet. From cushion covers

and bedspreads to carpets, Tangka paintings, Tibetan art, tribal sculptures, wooden furniture, prayer flags, chimes, singing bowls and prayer wheels, there is something for every budget and taste. The only store in Malaysia selling Tibetan items with the blessing of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, *Sacred Citadel* does not offer antique pieces, believing that such practices plunder Tibet's wealth by stealing its heritage. Instead, Prem works with Tibetan settlements in Nepal, Bhutan and India to promote the work of Tibetan artisans beyond the confines of their own country.



Each Tangka painting uses gold leaf to depict unlimited Gods, Goddesses and Buddhas, with the largest showing the symbolic wheel of life. The carpets are handwoven – some using fine merino wool from New Zealand. And the silk soft furnishings embroidered with important motifs such as tigers, lotus flowers and summer clouds, are made only by a handful of Tibetan women using the ancient art of appliqué silk. Discover brightly painted wooden chests and cabinets made of new pine wood, while stained furniture such as nesting tables and replicas of folding tables like those used by monks and Tibetan royalty are made from natural Burmese teak. Beautiful copper prayer wheels are embellished with semi-precious stones of turquoise and coral, and each wheel contains real prayers and Tibetan scriptures. There are four different sizes of singing bowls, each hums in a different key. You'll also find a selection of jewellery from Rajasthan as well as Tibetan trumpets and sandstone sculptures from India. Visit Prem at Sacred Citadel today and discover the heritage of the Tibetan people, right here in KL. 44-A 1st Flr, Jalan Telawi 5, Bangsar Baru, KL. Tel: 03 2284 8412. Email: sacdel@streamyx.com.