The Government has fulfilled an important election commitment to one of the Territory’s ethnic communities, granting the Buddhist Society $200,000 funding to complete a multi-purpose community hall.

Ethnic Affairs Minister Kon Vatskalis and the Member for Wanguri Paul Henderson will present the cheque to the Buddhist Society at tonight’s Vesak celebration.

"Vesak is one of the most important dates of the year for the Buddhist community, and I am pleased to be able to present the cheque for the completion of the community hall at a time when the community is coming together," Mr Vatskalis said.

Mr Vatskalis said he hoped the hall would be a centrepiece for the Buddhist community.

"The Government supports our diverse ethnic population and where possible, wants to facilitate opportunities for each community to continue traditional practices of their culture.

"The Territory’s Buddhist community plays an important part in the unique and proud multicultural society we’re all proud to call home," he said.

"The new multi-purpose hall will not only be a gathering point for Buddhists, but will hopefully also provide the rest of the community with the chance to share and learn more about another culture."

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