

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **Victorians Unite For Cultural Diversity Week**

The biggest event in Victoria's multicultural calendar is fast approaching, as the Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC) prepares to host Cultural Diversity Week, from 15 to 23 March 2014.

In its 12<sup>th</sup> year running, Cultural Diversity Week is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate our state's cultural and linguistic diversity (CALD) through a lively program of community events and activities.

We are calling on communities and organisations across the state to host and register their own Cultural Diversity Week event with the VMC.

Last year, more than 300 communities, organisations and schools hosted events which brought the CALD and broader community together to support community harmony and celebrate our state's unique cultural diversity.

Chairperson of the Victorian Multicultural Commission, Mr Chin Tan encouraged all Victorians to come together and join in the celebrations of Cultural Diversity Week.

"Victorians are a diverse mix of people. We come from over 200 countries, speak more than 200 languages and follow 130 different faiths. This is a chance for all Victorians to learn about, celebrate, and be entertained by this rich diversity."

"By registering your event with the VMC, you can help spread the word and use our Cultural Diversity Week promotional materials to support your event and engage your local community," Mr Tan said.

Cultural Diversity Week also marks the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racism on 21 March, which reaffirms our belief in the right of all Victorians to live freely without fear of discrimination.

To register your event and order free promotional materials, go to [www.multicultural.vic.gov.au](http://www.multicultural.vic.gov.au) or contact the VMC for further information on 03 9651 0651.

Photo opportunities or interviews can also be arranged through the VMC.

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