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NOMINATIONS FOR THE MULTICULTURAL AWARDS ARE CLOSING SHORTLY

The deadline for nominations for this year's Victorian Multicultural Commission's (VMC) Multicultural Awards for Excellence is fast approaching. These respected Awards acknowledge and celebrate outstanding achievements and services by people and organisations that support cultural diversity.

"The Multicultural Awards for Excellence are an important event on the multicultural calendar, providing an opportunity for hardworking community members to be acknowledged and congratulated for their achievements in contributing to the success of multiculturalism," said Mr Chin Tan, Chairperson, VMC.

"Each year the State recognises the many Victorians from the community who contribute to Victoria's rich diversity and strong economy through fostering cultural harmony and multicultural opportunities."

Burmese born Mr Tha Wah who was recognised on the Multicultural Awards for Excellence Honour Roll in 2013, is a shining example of an individual who has contributed extensively to Victoria's multicultural community. Since moving to Australia in 2007 with his family as a refugee, Tha has obtained qualifications in aged care, volunteers in the community and works in education assisting students with refugee backgrounds in the Bendigo community.

"Tha's story is one of many great stories in the area of multiculturalism in Victoria. I encourage you to nominate others who are making a positive impact on communities and who are committed to the principles of multiculturalism," said Mr Tan.

Awards are given in 10 categories including business, education and Local Government. **Nominations close on Friday 25 July 2014.** Entry forms are available online at <http://www.multicultural.vic.gov.au>. Award recipients will be announced at an awards ceremony at Government House in September.

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