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HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR FROM THE VICTORIAN MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION

The Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC) is proud to support the many events taking place in Victoria to celebrate the Year of the Goat which starts today.

VMC Chairperson, Chin Tan said this is a time of celebration for many Asian communities that everyone can get involved in.

“There are lots of celebrations taking place that the whole community can enjoy, including the walk of the Chinese Dragon in China Town in Melbourne’s CBD, traditional dance displays and wonderful art exhibitions.”

“I urge everyone to take part in the spectacular festivities happening all over Victoria and to immerse themselves in the vibrancy of this tradition,” said Mr Tan.

Victoria’s Asian population makes a positive contribution to the State’s successful multiculturalism, and has made its mark in many areas including business, culture and the arts. The Asian community in Victoria is also unique as it represents both established community groups and new and emerging community groups.

“In Victoria we are proud of our cultural diversity and it is important to come together to celebrate significant occasions such as the Lunar Year.”

“Such festivities represent the best of what it means to be a truly multicultural community. We are respected and admired worldwide for our diversity, harmony and social cohesion,” he said.

To see what’s on in Victoria to mark the Lunar Year, visit the VMC’s events calendar: <http://www.multicultural.vic.gov.au/projects-and-initiatives/events-calender>.

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