

MEDIA RELEASE

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WELCOMING YOUNG PROMOTERS OF MULTICULTURALISM

Students from Azerbaijan to the United States of America who are participating in this year's International Festival of Language and Culture (IFLC) are being welcomed on Wednesday morning at a reception at Parliament House hosted by the Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC).

Welcoming the students who are visiting Victoria from six different continents are Robin Scott, Minister for Multicultural Affairs and Ross Alatsas, Acting Chairperson of the Victorian Multicultural Commission.

"I am delighted to welcome these young people to Victoria, where we are able to gather freely and truly celebrate multiculturalism," said Mr Alatsas.

"Our state is home to people of more than 200 different countries and here, we celebrate a diversity of traditions and faiths. It is an honour to welcome the students and organisers of the IFLC to Victoria," he said.

Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Robin Scott said, "Diversity is one of Victoria's greatest assets and I acknowledge the efforts of these students who are so creatively promoting social cohesion, globally."

Established in 1983, the Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC), is the main link between Victoria's culturally and linguistically diverse communities and the government. The VMC provides independent advice to the Victorian Government to inform the development of legislative and policy frameworks, as well as the delivery of services to our culturally, linguistically and religiously diverse society.

Media are invited to attend this event. A photo opportunity will take place between 9.30 AM – 10.00 AM at Federation Room, Parliament House.

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