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VICTORIANS HONOURED IN MULTICULTURAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

Victorians from all walks of life and every corner of the State have been honoured for their contributions to multicultural Victoria.

The 2012 Multicultural Awards for Excellence recognised over 100 individuals, community organisations and service providers at a ceremony held last night at Government House.

The Awards, presented by the Victorian Multicultural Commission and hosted by His Excellency the Honourable Alex Chernov AC QC, Governor of Victoria, were attended by the Premier of Victoria Ted Baillieu MLA and the Minister for Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship Nicholas Kotsiras MLA. The Governor, Premier and Minister were among several dignitaries who presented awards on the night.

Awards were presented across a variety of categories, including the Premier's Award for Community Harmony, the Multicultural Business Award, and the Victorian Multicultural Honour Roll.

The Premier's Award for Community Harmony was presented to 'The Huddle', the community and education arm of North Melbourne Football Club, for their work in addressing social cohesion issues among young migrants and refugees.

VMC Chairperson Mr Chin Tan said: "These awards recognise the vital role that individuals, community organisation and service providers play in our multicultural society."

"Through their hard work, engagement and active participation, each Award recipient contributes to a vibrant, unified and harmonious Victoria," he said.

The Victorian Multicultural Awards for Excellence are presented annually by the Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC) and invite nominations from individuals, community organisations and service providers who have made significant contributions to multicultural Victoria.

The VMC – an independent statutory authority – is the voice of Victoria's culturally and linguistically diverse communities and is the main link between them and the government.

A complete list of Multicultural Awards for Excellence recipients will be made available online on Wednesday 19 December 2012: www.multicultural.vic.gov.au

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