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## Sydney Chinese Lions Club Inc.

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### MEDIA RELEASE

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For the second year running, **the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc.** is offering *the Sydney Chinese Lions Humanitarian Scholarship*, and invited for applications in February 2004. The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and recognise the humanitarian services undertaken by university students.

This year the response to the Scholarship offer was very good. The quality of the applications received was very impressive, and the reported humanitarian services undertaken by the applicants were all highly commendable. As such, in addition to the original awards of two winners each receiving a scholarship of \$1,000, the Club also offered two consolation prizes each of \$200.

The adjudicating panel comprised Ms Dulcie Sing, MBE, Ms Alice Kang, Dr Anthony Cheung, and Mr Phillip Roberts. The selected **Scholarship Award Winners** were **Mr Benjamin East** and **Ms Mi Zhou**. The **Consolation Prize Winners** were **Ms Jo Ling Foo** and **Ms Emefa Kporku**.

**Mr Benjamin East** is from the University of Sydney. His humanitarian services include working as a volunteer on board Mercy Ship M.V. Anastasis equipped with surgical teams, medical equipment and supplies to provide medical care to developing countries. He was part of a group of 30 who carried out essential annual maintenance of the ship. Also he worked as a volunteer at Richardson Leprosy Hospital in Miraj, India, fixing malfunctioning hospital and laboratory equipment.

**Ms Mi Zhou** is from the University of New South Wales. Her humanitarian services include active involvement in organisations such as Redfern Legal Centre and Ask! Legal Service for Youth to provide legal assistance to the disadvantaged communities, as well as volunteer work in Mission Australia Crisis Support Line and Victim of Crimes Support Line, and various Red Cross programs.

**Ms Jo Ling Foo** is from the University of Sydney. Her humanitarian services include working as a volunteer telephone counsellor in Distress Line, and mentoring in YWCA Mentorship Program.

**Ms Emefa Kporku** is from the University of New South Wales. Her humanitarian services include active involvement in Eastern Respite and Recreation, an organisation operates to improve the quality of life of individuals with disabilities and carers.

The Scholarship and Consolations Awards were presented to the winners by the Club's Immediate Past President Ms Alice Kang during the Changeover Ceremony & Dinner on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2004. Also a special letter of appreciation was sent to all applicants commending them for the good and valuable humanitarian work they had undertaken for the community, and encouraging them to keep up the good effort.

Another offer for the Scholarship will be made in February/March 2005.

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