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The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc.

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MEDIA RELEASE

SCHOLARSHIP OFFER

The Sydney Chinese Lions Humanitarian Scholarship for 2009 is now open for application. The Scholarship was first established by the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc (the Club) in 2003, and its purpose is to encourage and recognize humanitarian services undertaken by university students. This year, the award is \$2,000 for one award winner.

The eligible applicant must be studying at one of the universities in Sydney, with good character, who has undertaken and/or is planning to undertake humanitarian services.

Selection is based on the nature and commendability of services rendered and/or to be rendered by the applicants. The Club has full discretion in selecting the award winner. No further correspondence will be entered into once the winner has been selected.

Applicants are required to submit a report including (1) Name and contact details including address, email address and phone number. (2) University attended, year of study, and degree program pursued. (3) Record of humanitarian services performed on a pro-bono basis. (4) Pro-bono humanitarian services planned for the next 12 months.

Submissions must reach the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc, P O Box 850, Chatswood NSW 2057, by 31 March 2009.

Applicants may be invited to a brief presentation of their services at a meeting of the Club.

Results will be announced in May/June 2009.

For further information about the scholarship, or activities of the Club, please contact Rita Kwan (email: akwan1@bigpond.net.au) and/or visit our website www.sydneychineselions.org.au.

OUR CLUB

The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc (the Club) is a member of Lions Clubs International, an international non-profit community service organization, upholding a common motto “WE SERVE”. Today, there are Lions Clubs in around 202 countries and geographical areas all over the world. In District 201N5, which covers the Sydney area and Norfolk Island, there are some 75 Clubs with around 1,750 members. Amongst these, there are around 7 Chinese-based Club. The Club, chartered in April 1995, is the first Chinese-based Lions Club set up in New South Wales, Australia.

On the Lions’ Emblem, there is a lion on each of the two sides, facing opposite directions – one looks back to past with pride, and the other looks to the future with vision and hope. This Emblem aptly describes the community work that is being done at the Club. Ever since their charter, the Club has been well supported by the community including corporate entities and small businesses, as well as private individuals. Over the past fourteen years, under the leadership of President Dr. Anthony Cheung and other Past Presidents, in conjunction with the relentless effort of its members, and on top of all these, the generous donations and sponsorships received from the community, the Club has raised and donated over \$300,000 to a number of charities including the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (South Eastern Section), St John Ambulance Australia (NSW), the Australian Red Cross, the Sir David Martin Foundation, the Fred Hollows Foundation, the Westmead and Concord Hospitals, the Children’s Mobility (Hart Walker) Foundation and the Elderly Australian Chinese Homes. Thousands had reaped the benefits. The Club is also mindful of encouraging young adults to participate humanitarian services, hence, it has been offering its humanitarian scholarships since 2003.

On Saturday 7 March this year the Club will hold its Charity Ball 2009. The major recipient of the net proceeds of this event is, again for the second time, St John Ambulance Australia (NSW). The donation is made to support St John and its services to the community.

More detailed information about the Club and its activities are available at the Club’s website www.sydneychineselions.org.au.

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