

Media Release

The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. Charity Ball 2007

The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese are holding their Charity Ball 2007 on Saturday, 31 March 2007 at the Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. Net proceeds of this function are mainly in support of St John Ambulance (NSW) and its volunteer community programmes including its highly respected first aid services.

Chartered in April 1995, the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc is the first Chinese-based club in Australia. The Lions Club motto 'WE SERVE' is the basis of every club member. During the past 12 years, the Club had raised over \$150,000 in aid of various charity organizations such as Westmead Children's Hospital; Concord Repatriation Hospital and the Children's Mobility (Hart Walker) Foundation; the Giant Step program (\$10,000 in 2000); the Fred Hollows Foundation (\$28,000 in 2001); the Elderly Australian Chinese Homes (\$12,600 in 2002), the Concord Hospital Burns Unit (\$25,000 in 2004) and the Sir David Martin Foundation (\$22,150 in 2005) and the Australian Red Cross NSW (\$23,000 in 2006). The Club is also mindful of encouraging young adults to participate in humanitarian services; hence, they established their 'Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Humanitarian Scholarship' program in 2003.

All these achievements have come about not only because of good leadership but also as a result of dedication and hard work of all the members. On top of this, the support given by political leaders, the Consulate General of People's Republic of China, the Chinese media, fellow lions, sponsors and the community at large has been vital and is greatly appreciated.

This event has been made possible by the generous support of its many Sponsors and Donors. There are two Major Sponsors for Charity Ball 2007. One is Remy Martin. They are donating many prizes on the night and have subscribed to a Corporate Table. Their donated prizes for auctions are a Miniature *Fluer de Diamant Luis XIII Cognac* and a *700 ml Luis XIII Cognac*, in addition to many table prizes and Remy XO tasting at the Ball. The other Major Sponsor is OMEGA, through Shum's Watches and Jewellery. They are donating an OMEGA Constellation Ladies' Mini Quartz watch with 18K yellow gold and steel case, diamonds on mother-of-pearl dial with diamond bezel, and an OMEGAMANIA 18K white gold necklace with diamonds. Moreover, there are seven Sponsors. They include Qantas Airways who has donated a Sydney-Hong Kong business class return ticket for two; HSBC Bank Australia Limited has donated a \$1000 Internet Banking Account (Account Number 888) for auction and HSBC crystals as table prizes; Zilver Restaurant is donating a special banquet (namely "Zilver's Dragon King Royal Banquet") for auction and subscribing to a Corporate Table; Porsche Centre Sydney South is donating four lovely prizes for auctions namely, a limited edition Porsche classic MARTINI RACING chronograph, a black diamond Swarovski Porsche 911 Carrera, a Porsche golf bag and a Porsche diesel pedal tractor; Lions Rita & Arthur Kwan are making a cash donation and subscribing to a Corporate Table with a total value of \$5,000; Liteco Construction is making a cash donation, sponsoring table prizes and advertisements, also with a total value of \$5,000; Australian New Express Daily is subscribing to a Ball table and donating 30 sets of VOIP phones. Further, Lap Jewellery, BMW Sydney, Westpac, Highland Australia, Heng Fai Trading Company Pty Ltd, Leung Wai Kee, Lion Iao Lok Wong, Lion Simon Leung, Triple 8 Hotel and many others are also supporting us and donating generously.

The Charity Ball Organizing Committee comprises Club President Dr Anthony Cheung (Chair), Mr Simon Leung (Secretary), Ms Wanyu Kerr (Assistant Secretary) Mr Robert Chu (Treasurer), Mr Simon Leung (Floor Manager), Mr Arthur Kwan, Ms Mei Cheng, Ms Sylvia Chong, Mr Carl Ku, Ms Jaylin Mao, Mr Howard Shi, Mr Iao Lok Wong, Mr Jason Zhang, Mr Tony Wong, Ms Janet Benson, Ms. Rosanda Kam, Mr Gavin Liu and with Ms Sisenanda Santos and Ms Kate Kelly of St. John Ambulance (NSW) in attendance. The Master of Ceremonies for the function is PDG Ray Cook, the soloist for the National Anthem is Lion Rita Kwan and the Auctioneer is Mr Benjamin Chow AO.

Each Ball ticket costs \$168. This includes a 3-course dinner, with drinks throughout the evening, brilliant musical performances by the Castle Hill RSL Youth Band and live music dancing with the Mind, Body and Soul Band. Those who wish to seek more information regarding Sydney Chinese Lions and their Charity Ball 2007 are welcome to access their website at www.sydchineselions.org.au.