

Media Release

Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Charity Ball 2006

The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese held their Charity Ball 2006 on Saturday, 25 March 2006 at the Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. Proceeds of this function is in aid of the Australian Red Cross NSW. The donation helps the Red Cross in their humanitarian work to improve the lives of vulnerable people.

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 11 years, the Club has raised over \$120,000 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 (2002), the Concord Hospital Burns Unit (2004) and the Sir David Martin Foundation (\$22,150 in 2005). 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 PRC, 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. Remy Martin, being the Major Sponsor, donated many prizes on the night and subscribed to a Corporate Table. Their donated prizes for auction were a Miniature *Fluer de Diamant Luis XIII Cognac* and a *700 ml Luis XIII Cognac*. Other Sponsors included Virgin Atlantic who donated Sydney-Hong Kong economy class return tickets for two, upgradeable to Premium Economy, subject to availability; HSBC Bank Australia Limited donated auction and Table Prizes, Zilver Restaurant donated a special banquet (namely "Zilver's Buddha Jumping over the Wall") for auction and subscribed to a Corporate Table. In addition, there were scores of Donors such as Shum's Watches and Jewellery, Porche Centre Sydney South, Chequer's Restaurant (Chatswood), Ah Lap Jewellers, Triple 8 Hotel, Star City, BMW Sydney, Westpac, Evergreen Elderly Centre Foundation Ltd and many others, who supported us and donated generously.

The Charity Ball Organizing Committee comprises Club President Dr Anthony Cheung (Chair), Ms Crystal Siu (Secretary), Mr Robert Chu (Treasurer), Mr Simon Leung (Floor Manager & Assistant Secretary), Ms Janet Benson, Ms Selina Fung, Ms Norma Ingram, Ms Rosanda Kam, Ms Wanty Kerr, Mr Arthur Kwan, Mr Gavin Liu and Mr John Lanzky, with Ms Monica Dolso of the Australian Red Cross NSW in attendance. The Master of Ceremonies for the function was Lion Greg Dunn and the Auctioneer was Lion Cr Ernest Wong.

Some 400 guests enjoyed a 3-course dinner, with drinks throughout the evening, glamorous musical and dance performances by students of the Australian International Performing Arts High School and live music dancing with the Mandarin Band. Those who wish to seek more information regarding Sydney Chinese Lions are welcome to contact their president Dr Anthony Cheung via email sydneychineselions@yahoo.com.au or on 0414 330 887.