

## 澳洲雪梨華人獅子會

## The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc.

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The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. 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 200 countries and geographical areas all over the world. In District 201N5, which covers the Sydney area and Norfolk Island, there are some 80 Clubs with around 1,800 members. Amongst these, there are around 7 Chinese-based Clubs. Sydney Chinese, 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 the 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 thirteen 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 two hundred thousand dollars to a number of charities including St John Ambulance, the Australian Red Cross, the Sir David Martin Foundation, the Fred Hollows Foundation, the Elderly Australian Chinese Homes. Thousands had reaped the benefits. The Club is also mindful of encouraging young adults to participate in humanitarian services, hence, it has been offering its humanitarian scholarships since 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 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.

To celebrate the Club's 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2008, they will feature a signature event - their Charity Ball 2008 to be held on Saturday, 1 March 2008 at the Parkside Ballroom, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. The major recipient of the net proceeds of this event is **The Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia (South Eastern Section)** - *Helping to Keep the Flying Doctors Flying.* The function will have all the hallmarks of a high profile charity event including entertainment, dancing and auctioning many major prizes. Some 450-500 guests are expected to attend. Dinner tickets for the Charity Ball are \$168 per person or \$1,680 for a table of ten. This includes dinner, beverages, dance and entertainment.

To help make the function a great success, sponsors and donors are being sought. For enquiries about tickets and sponsorship details, please contact President Anthony Cheung on 0414 330 887 (fax: 9686 3031) or email him at <u>sydneychineselions@yahoo.com.au</u>. Further details of the club are also available at <u>www.sydneychineselions.org.au</u>.