

Dear friends and honored guests:

**新春快樂!**

Happy Chinese New Year, or as we Chinese say "Happy Spring Festival", to you!

As chair of the Chinese New Year Cultural Association (CNYCA), I am deeply honored to welcome you to our celebration of the 4,708<sup>th</sup> Chinese Lunar New Year, the Year of the Tiger, here on the beautiful California State University, Sacramento campus!

Traditionally, to celebrate the Chinese New Year or Spring Festival, we gather together to review what we have harvested in the past season and plan what we will do in the coming year.

Looking backward to the past year, the Year of the Ox, we had an eventful year. Chinese Americans in the greater Sacramento area, just like other Americans, faced the worst economic challenges after the Great Depression. We stayed true to our traditional Chinese values and kept our American dreams alive. We made sure that our children studied hard in schools. We worked hard to keep our economy going. We took care of our families while supporting the communities near and far. For example, CNYCA raised fund to provide relief for people devastated by the typhoon disaster in Taiwan last year. Through supporting various community events, CNYCA was able to preserve Chinese heritage, promote Chinese culture, and enhance the awareness of Chinese American communities in the greater Sacramento area.

Looking forward to the Year of the Tiger, we have a lot to do. We will help people in Haiti and around the world that are in need. We will continue to promote Chinese Culture. We know that Chinese economy will be one of the engines leading world-wide recovery and the Shanghai World Expo will be immensely successful. We are confident that U.S. economy will rebound and the greater Sacramento area will thrive.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the CNYCA member organizations, directors, and volunteers for their tireless efforts and countless hours of work to make this event a reality. We thank our sponsors, advertisers, and booth vendors for contributing funds to the celebration; we thank media friends for promoting this event to the general public; we thank the honored guests for standing behind the CNYCA; and we thank California State University, Sacramento for providing the venue for the event. My special thanks go to YOU for being here to celebrate the Chinese New Year - Spring Festival with us.

Happy Chinese New Year to you all, and let's "Thrive in the Year of the Tiger!"

**恭祝大家新春快樂、虎年騰飛!**



Charles Mee, Chairman  
Chinese New Year Culture Association

