

Toronto Celebrates Lunar New Year 2005

“The Toronto Celebrates Lunar New Year 2005” had taken place on February 4th – 6th, 2005 at Automotive Building of National Trade Centre. This is the largest celebration of the Lunar New Year in Canada. This year, the performances included those from other Asian communities, such as: Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Thailand, Burma, Laos, Philippines, Indonesia, India, Singapore, Malaysia and others. The festival creates a multicultural atmosphere that featured dance, music, arts and crafts, martial arts and wonderful food from all of the participating countries.

The opening ceremony began at 7:00 pm. on February 4th with a lively Dragon Dance. Alex Yeung, the President of the festival gave thanks to all the guests. The guests who showed up that night included: Jim Karygiannis (M.P.Sc Scarborough Againtcourt), Mario Racco (M.P.P. Thornhill), Sandra Yeung Racco (Councillor of Vaughan), Olivia Chow (Toronto City Councillor), Dr. Ken Ng (Chairman of FCCM), Feng Shui Master Paul Ng etc.

After the ribbon cutting and awaken the lions ceremony, the Wushu International lion and dragon dancers performed a special Lion Dance and the world famous Shaolin Warrior Monks from China showed off their awe-inspiring skills onstage. The other features included Year of the Rooster predictions from Feng Shui Master Paul Ng, “East Meets West” fashion shows, pop-idol contests, pop-stars from Philippines, God of Fortune visit, Korean drums, Chinese music ensemble and much more!

Besides the onstage programs, there were several exceptional programs and displays, e.g. “Mercy in Heart”, Master Photographer Lik Fong Ng’s exhibition and charitable sale for the Kidney Foundation of Ontario, The “Silk Road” International Photo Contest and Display organized by Canadian Foundation for the Preservation of Chinese Cultural and Historical Treasures, The C.C.Y.A.A. (Canadian Chinese Youth Athletic Association) Sports Showcase, The Island of Formosa Showcase, International Lunar New Year Children’s Drawing Display, The Canada-China Development Association Business Showcase, The Community Stage with calligraphy demonstrations and Chinese traditional music performances.

金雞年宵賀新歲

一年一度的大型賀歲節目「金雞年宵賀新歲」已於二〇〇五年二月四至六日於國家展覽館的 Automotive Building 舉行完畢。今年的節目可謂多姿多采，除了傳統的中國文化表演節目外，更邀請多個不同的亞洲國家團體參與演出，包括：韓國、日本、越南、泰國、緬甸、老撾、菲律賓、印尼、印度、新加坡、馬來西亞等等。三天的節目相當豐富及充滿多元文化的氣息，節目內容有：舞蹈、音樂、手工藝、武術及不同地區的美食等等。

開幕典禮於二月四日晚上七時舉行，先由一條由多人舞動的生猛彩龍進場，以精彩的舞龍表演展開序幕。接著由大會主席 Alex Yeung 向來賓致謝詞，是晚參加來賓十分踴躍，包括：Jim Karygiannis (M.P.Scarborough Againtcourt), Mario Racco (M.P.P. Thornhill), Sandra Yeung Racco (Councillor of Vaughan), Olivia Chow (Toronto City Councillor), 吳建忠醫生(萬錦市加華聯會主席)及國際風水大師伍子明先生等等。

緊接著嘉賓的剪綵儀式及為醒獅點睛之後，數隻生龍活虎的醒獅開始表演，而更精彩的節目就是由世界著名的少林武僧表演上乘的少林武功，他們落力的演出，使整個活動生色不少。除了以上的特別表演節目之外，也有伍子明風水大師講解雞年的風水運程、「中西合璧」的時裝表演、流行之星比賽、菲律賓歌星演唱、財神到訪、韓國鼓、中國音樂演奏等等。

除了在大舞台的表演節目之外，大會也安排了不少展覽及特別的活動，如：吳力昉先生的攝影展「憐憫之心」，售賣展品的收入均捐贈安省腎臟基金；由加拿大保護中國文物基金會舉辦的「絲路」國際攝影比賽及展覽；加華青年體育協會的體育活動；福爾摩莎島的展覽、國際農曆新年兒童繪畫展覽；加華發展協會的商務活動展覽；中國書法示範及中國傳統音樂表演等等。