



MCA Club Australia Inc.
(Malaysian Chinese Association Club Australia Incorporated)

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**Address by Wei Ming CHAN,
President of MCACA Inc.
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Avillion Hotel, Sydney**

Welcome and good evening to:

The Hon. Dato' & Datin Dr. CHUA Soi Lek, Malaysian Chinese Association Vice-President and Minister of Health Malaysia,

The Hon. Henry Tsang, Parliament Secretary of NSW Parliament, representing the NSW Premier, the Hon. Bob Carr,

MCACA major sponsors, Sports Toto, Malaysia Airlines, Proton Cars Australia,

Special thanks to CEO of Berjaya Group, **Tan Sri Dato' Seri Vincent Tan**, Regional Manager of Malaysia Airlines, **Mohd Salleh Tabrani**, Managing Director of Proton Cars Australia, **John Statari**, Malaysian Trade Commissioner, **Abu Bakar Koyakutty**, Director of Tourism Malaysia, **Zakaria Mohd Nani**, and **Puan Sri Dr Marianne Abdullah** thank you for the support shown.

Community leaders, distinguished guests, associates, members, friends, ladies and gentlemen.

First of all, thank you for attending this auspicious occasion, and let me welcome you to the beginning of what would be a fruitful and rewarding relationship with MCACA Inc.

Malaysians have always thrived on the fact that we are such a community based, multi cultural society. Perhaps it is our easygoing nature in general, or our mutual respect for each other, regardless of background, race and status, where we have shown to be strong and steadfast in our values and principles.

And that is what we at MCACA Inc. hope to extol here; the community values that drive our unique Malaysian culture. Celebrating the history of 56 years in the Malaysian Chinese Association, MCACA Inc. is another chapter of its continuing efforts to serve beyond the homeland. The role we hope to play is one of support; supporting the Malaysian community here in Australia.

Malaysian Chinese Association Club Australia, or MCACA Inc. as we hope it to be known as, was set up with a simple philosophy in mind. We are working for the welfare of the Malaysian community in Australia, specifically the social welfare and general well being of any Malaysian on Australian soil. Despite our origins from the



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Malaysian Chinese Association, I would like to emphasize that we want to look out for all Malaysians from all walks of life. In fact we encourage all Malaysians, and non-Malaysians to join, we are not here to just cater for any particular denomination.

MCACA Inc. looks for impressive group of distinguished Malaysians to explore the economic, political and social aspects of Malaysians' development to contribute to our community here.

Our vision is to form an organization which carries an importance within the local society and government. There are many ethnic community organizations in Australia which are supported by the Australian government. MCACA Inc.'s vision is to work proactively for the Malaysian community based in Australia as well as gain the support of the Australian government. In order for us to achieve this, we would have to build a solid identity of ourselves to work effectively.

Various Malaysian community organizations have existed for many years, including student organizations. With the vision of MCACA Inc., we would like to work in collaboration with other like-minded groups, not excluding students, to further our cause in partnership to achieve our goals and continue to serve the Malaysian community.

MCACA does not hold political activities and for those who are less comfortable with political associations or affiliations, you may strictly view us as a non-profit organization. MCACA Inc. is here to enhance and utilize the available political resources that we have and provide the best we can for the Malaysian community.

By utilizing our political and governmental resources, MCACA Inc. wants to provide a strong platform for the Malaysian community, in the hopes of fostering better relations, community ties and harmony among the many Malaysians who are currently in Australia. In addition, MCACA Inc. will provide assistance for students, graduates and working professionals, and try to build a bridge between them with corporate and business networks. We also hope to foster better ties between our student and the local community, in hope of building a stronger voice for ourselves.

We encourage everyone to join; to build a strong community and create opportunities, benefits and most importantly to help those who appreciate our services.

I would like to stress the point that MCACA Inc. shall not be seen as a political entity, our concept is very community based and we want to achieve a unity of Malaysians that carry an importance on par with other larger ethnic groups. It is also to create an open discussion forum to raise issues on political, economic and social aspects of our community.

Your contributions are highly needed, irrespective of background, public and private sector alike, governmental and non-governmental organizations, students and non-



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students, to render whatever assistance you could to achieve the long term goal of Malaysians' development.

Personal thanks to Dato' Dr. CHUA for his utmost support to make this function possible.

Ladies and gentlemen, thank you very much for all your support and I look forward to working with many more Malaysians who believe in '***a voice that speaks for thousands***'.

Thank you.