

President Message

First, I like to wish you all a Happy New Year and all the best in the year of the Tiger.

It has been a difficult year for us in 2021 and hopefully 2022 will be a better year for all of us. Even though we were able to host some activities for the members but most of the activities were stopped for most of the year. Most of the members have stayed healthy for the past year and I like to ask you all to take the same precautions in 2022.

Looking forward to seeing you all when the pandemic is behind us!

Editor message:

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this issue was released half a year late, and we would like to express our sincere apologies to everyone!

In recent years, Covid-19 has become a global pandemic, causing a large number of deaths and triggering a serious economic crisis. Australia is not immune to this. The lockdown of the Greater Sydney Area, country border closures, strict preventive measures, etc., have brought great impact on our lives and great mental pressure. We hope that our members can maintain an optimistic attitude to cope with the pandemic, be confident in normal life. We believe humans will eventually be able to defeat the virus.

Many activities of CYL have been suspended for several months during the severe pandemic, such as Tai Chi classes, table tennis, basketball, painting and calligraphy class, folk dance class, as well as the recreation group. Fortunately, the lion dance group, dragon boat group and martial arts group can still barely maintain training, in preparation for the Lunar New Year performances. The Cantonese Opera team switched to online training.

In late September this year, the 2022 FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup will be held in Sydney. The schedule will last for 10 days and will be held in the Olympic Park. The Chinese team has a great chance to participate. As before, CYL will make every effort to promote the local Chinese community's attention and active participation in this event. The last 7th (1994) Women's Basketball World Cup was also held in Sydney. At that time, CYL organized a cheerleading team to cheer for the Chinese and Australian teams. Together with other Chinese associations, CYL gave the Chinese team a lot of support, especially in terms of meal arrangements. For this, the Chinese team published in local Chinese newspapers to express their thanks. This time is no exception. CYL has invited the enthusiastic overseas Chinese leader - Emperor Garden Restaurant, Mr. Stanley Yee - to sponsor meals for the Chinese team. We wish the Chinese team can achieve success and win championship.

In the 2021 Tokyo Summer Olympics, Australia, China, Taiwan and Hong Kong had achieved outstanding results, which is a great encouragement to the Chinese in Australia. During the 2021 Tokyo Summer Olympics, Sydney was under lockdown. Our president, Mr. James Kwok, commented on the Olympic football matches on SBS radio, while our vice-president, Mr. Eddy

Young, commented on the Olympic basketball matches. At the same time, vice-president Mr. Young held a special talk on 2AC Australia Chinese Radio for 16 consecutive days, on reports and comments on Olympic events. Both programs were well received. It is highly praised. This incident has stimulated the enthusiasm of the Chinese community for sports activities, and the popularity of CYL has been improved. The effect is good, and the impact is far-reaching.

The upcoming 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics is a much-anticipated event. The opening ceremony will be held on February 4, three days after the Lunar New Year. China once hosted the Summer Olympics in 2008, and the opening and closing ceremonies were wonderful surprises to the world. This Winter Olympics has added a lot of innovative technology elements, not only in the opening and closing ceremonies, but also in the buildings of the competition and non-competition venues and the field facilities. Thus, China's national strength will be displayed. We recommend members not to miss watching this event.

The last thing I want to report is that under the condition that international travel can be resumed after the pandemic, CYL will plan to organize multiple trips back to China, to travel the magnificent landscape of the motherland, to experience Chinese civilization, to inspect modern construction, and especially eager to taste the delicious food of the Pearl River Delta Area. This is at the request of many members. We will do our best to arrange.

The Year of the Tiger is coming, I wish members good health and all the best.

Statement of Thanks:

The success of CYL is all due to the selfless dedication of all members!

Our special thanks go to the following:

- All members of the Executive Committee, they lead and plan the various activity groups of CYL.
- The leaders, volunteers and teachers of each activity group, their unremitting efforts and selfless dedication make each activity group operate successfully.
- Consultant, Mr. Joe Leung, handles financial accounting for CYL for free.
- President James Kwok and Vice President Eddy Young, in addition to doing their best on normal duties, they also make much effort to liaise with all social strata, including government departments, business organizations, social leaders, charitable organizations, etc. The goal is to promote CYL, seek possible help and support, which will benefit the future development of CYL.

Activities and Classes: With the deteriorating situation on the COVID (Omicron variant), Some activities and classes have been suspended

Activities on going:

- Tuesday and Saturday Yoga classes are normal.
- Regular dance classes on Sundays.
- Saturday afternoon lion dance trainings are as usual

- Cantonese Opera classes on Thursday morning have been changed temporarily to Zoom classes
- Calligraphy video learning materials are provided online for students to practice every Monday

Upcoming Activities:

Sydney 2022 Lunar Year Festival Performances and Activities going ahead (29 January to 13 February 2022):

A. Performances and Races:

- Lion Dance Group will Perform at:
 - a. Lions and Eye Dotting Ceremony for the Festival Launch on Saturday 29 January 2022
 - b. LED lion and dragon dancing performance on Saturday 29 January 2022:
 - c. Eye Dotting ceremony and Blessing of the Waters ceremony at Dragon Boat Races:
date: Saturday, 5 February 2022 time: 6:30am-9:30am location: Darling Harbor
 - d. Lion dancing program on the following dates at Chinatown:
4/02, 5/02, 6/02, 12 /02/2022
- Dance Group: Chinese Classical Dance “Plum Blossom Loving” will be performing on
Saturday 12 February at Centennial Hall, Sydney Town Hall.
- Dragon Boat Group: The Group will participate in the Lunar New Year Dragon Boat Races at
Darling Harbour on the Saturday 5th of February.

B. Workshops at CYL Clubhouse:

- Cultural Dance: 6 February 2022, Sunday, 12:30pm – 3:00pm
- Wushu: 5 February 2022, Saturday, 10:00am – 12:00pm
- Lion Dance: 12 February, Saturday, 2:00pm – 3:00pm