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Historically, the Lunar New Year (LNY) festival originated from China according to Chinese Lunar calendar. It celebrates the beginning of Spring. It is also known as Spring Festival signalling new hope. The Lunar New Year was introduced to other countries with Chinese influence. Nowadays many Asians like Vietnamese, Koreans, Thai, Burmese and even some Japanese enjoy celebrating the Lunar New Year. Overseas Chinese and Asian migrants are no exception. They bring with them their cultural celebration of LNY to any city of the world which they live. Hence LNY celebrations can be seen thriving in Asian cities, Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, and PNG. And Chinese and Asian migrants who have settled in Western countries like UK, US, Canada, Australia and NZ and European countries also celebrate LNY.

In Australia, the Asians communities that celebrate the LNY are appreciative of PM Scott Morrison for making special Lunar New Year greetings to his fellow Australians on a national TV broadcast on SBS TV.

The PM said: “LNY is a magnificent tradition, one that springs from our Asian communities and is celebrated in so many parts of Australia and in a **very Australian way**. Another reflection of the modern successful and cohesive **multicultural nation** that Australia has come to be. LNY is now an Australian celebration.

Morrison’s Lunar New Year message

<https://www.sbs.com.au/news/scott-morrison-s-lunar-new-year-message>

We wish to thank the PM for his kind words about the “Australian” celebrations of the LNY and its role and purpose. The words of the PM are indeed conducive to social cohesion and community harmony in our multicultural society.

We also thank Mr Anthony Albanese, Opposition Leader for recording a short LNY greetings.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2555957188042463>

The bi-partisan well wishing to Asian Australians by both Leaders contradicts the divisive and un-Australian remarks of Mayor Christou of Cumberland Council and prompted the community to request his vacation from office of the Mayor.

Lunar New Year brings us another good news from President Biden and President X. See the two videos as follows:

President Biden’s Lunar New Year greetings



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<https://youtu.be/v6BiDqJ2g3I>

Xi, Biden exchange Chinese New Year greetings

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nJjWpZPE1LY>

President Biden said: "The US and China can work together on shared challenges like global health security and climate change".

President Xi said: "China and the US should re-establish all kinds of mechanism for dialogue."

Both Presidential messages were pragmatic and conducive to world peace and if these messages are translated into real action, the world will have another peace era of 100 years.

It brings hope for a better US China relation. We hope soon Australian leaders will do the same with China.

We conclude by wishing all Asians Australians and other fellow Australians who celebrate LNY a Happy Lunar New Year. That LNY celebration always extend to our fellow Australian friends of various backgrounds, is a "reflection of the modern successful and cohesive **multicultural nation** that Australia has come to be" as PM Morrison stated.

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