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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **The Second Round of Chinese-Australian Youth Leadership Program Launched in Melbourne**

The second round of the Chinese-Australian Youth Leadership Program was successfully launched on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 in Melbourne. This is built upon the success of the program's first round held last year.

More than 50 people including MPs, Councillors and community leaders gathered at the launch event to congratulate and to talk to the successful candidates of the program, who were selected after a rigorous selection process.

Mr Paul Hamer MP, representing Victorian Minister for Multicultural Affairs and Youth the Hon. Ros Spence MP, congratulated the successful candidates. He commended them for taking the first step on the leadership journey and for having the courage to challenge themselves by participating in this valuable program. He stressed the importance of ensuring the leaders of the future represent the diversity in our proudly multicultural society. On behalf of Victorian Government, he thanked CCCAV for running this program that supports Victoria's emerging leaders and for CCCAV team's tireless and dedicated work in supporting Victoria's multicultural communities.

Mr Hong Lim, former Victorian Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs and Asia Engagement, talked about the purposes and achievements of CCCAV and inspired young leaders to stand up and advocate for the community.

Mr Meng Heang Tak MP also attended the launch event and congratulated the successful candidates.

Mr Josh Farr, Founder and Lead Facilitator of Campus Consultancy, talked about the importance of the program in developing and strengthening civic leadership. He encouraged the successful candidates to immerse in the program over the coming weeks, gain as much knowledge and skills as possible and apply them to make the community stronger.

Each successful candidate gave a brief presentation about themselves and their aspirations about the program. The common theme of the presentations is about staying in touch with the community, about development of leadership skills and about helping people.

In his welcome speech CCCAV President Mr Jimmy Li thanked the Victorian Government for its financial support for this program, Campus Consultancy for its productive partnership and Program Director Mr Gen Li and other volunteers for their tireless work on this program. He encouraged the young leaders to be proud of being Australians with Chinese heritage, to be aware of the abundant opportunities that this wonderful multicultural society offers, "stand up, speak up and step up," and to feel a sense of pride and privilege to serve the community and go on to make greater contribution to the broad community.