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First Civics Education Workshop for Chinese Australians in Victoria Successfully Held

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The inaugural Civics Education Workshop held at Kew Golf Club on 29 September 2024 was a huge success, attracting around 130 participants. This groundbreaking initiative, co-organized by the Chinese Community Council of Australia, Victoria Chapter (CCCAV) and the Australian Asian Business Women's Association (AABWA), aimed to empower Chinese Australians to participate actively in the democratic process.

Participants showed tremendous interest in the workshop, gaining a comprehensive understanding of Australian democracy's inner workings. They learned effective ways to engage with the democratic process, fostering a sense of civic responsibility. Notably, one of the workshop's key focuses - identifying misinformation and disinformation - resonated strongly with attendees, equipping them with essential tools to navigate the complex digital landscape in their civics and citizenship activities.

Dr. Eric Fu, a Senior Research Fellow from the University of Melbourne, led the workshop, sharing his expertise in Civics and Citizenship Education. The event was supported by the Chinese Australia Forum (CAF) and the Australian Government's National Foundation for Australia-China Relations, demonstrating a collaborative effort to promote civic engagement among Chinese Australians.

This workshop marks a significant step towards fostering a more informed and active Chinese Australian community in Victoria. By raising awareness and empowering individuals with knowledge and skills, we can build a more vibrant and inclusive democracy.

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