

# CCCAV Congradulates VMC New Commissioners

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On Thursday 25 August 2011, the Minister for Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship, the Hon Nick Kotsiras MP announced the appointment of new Commissioners to the Victorian Multicultural Commission (VMC).

Wesa Chau, 2010 Young Victorian of the Year and Deputy President and Spokesperson for the Chinese Community Council of Australia (Victoria Chapter) (CCCAV) would like to welcome and congratulate all the new Commissioners and wishes them well in their roles.

“The new Commissioners not only reflect a broad range of skills and experiences, but is also a strong reflection of the cultural diversity and makeup of our multicultural state”, said Wesa Chau, Deputy President and Spokesperson for the CCCAV.

“Culturally and linguistically diverse and refugee communities require more targeted initiatives to ensure ongoing issues such as health, education, housing, employment and settlement are addressed properly and appropriately. More work needs to be done to ensure cultural diversity and multiculturalism is moving forward in our society. CCCAV is confident that the new Commissioners will be able to take up these issues and work cooperatively with ethno-specific organisations and multicultural communities to address them.

CCCAV would also like to acknowledge the bipartisan support presented by both the Government and the Opposition on the

Multicultural Victoria Act 2011, which will come into operation on 1 September 2011.

“On behalf of the CCCAV, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the contribution and dedication shown by the previous Commissioners, including the CCCAV's very own President Dr Stanley Chiang. Your work, passion and efforts in promoting cultural diversity and social inclusion in Victoria had made our state a more tolerant and vibrant place to work, study and live.

“As a peak body for the Victorian Chinese community, we are very much looking forward to working with the new VMC Chairperson Mr Chin Tan and the Commissioners to ensure that the multicultural and ethno-specific sector are regularly consulted and engaged by the Government in its decision making. We are confident with the new legislation and the Commission, multicultural affairs will be put on the forefront of policy debate and discussion in Victoria”, concluded Ms Chau.

## 祝贺维州多元文化委员会新专员上任

**8月18日**

多元文化及公民事务部长Nick Kotsiras议员宣布，新专员走马上任维州多元文化委员会（Victorian Multicultural Commission）。澳华社区议会维州分部（CCCAV）副会长，2010年维州青年奖得主之一的邹慧心欢迎并祝贺所有新晋专员走马上任。

邹慧心表示，新晋专员们不仅拥有不同领域的经验技术，同时也折射出我们维州多元文化的构成。多元文化族群及难民社区需要政府提供针对性的服务举措，涉及健康，教育，住房，老年服务，就业等。政府需要做更多的工作以保障多元文化向前发展。澳华社区议会维州分会相信，新上任的多元文化委员会专员们会迎接这些挑战，并和各少数民族群及社区合作解决这些问题。

澳华社区议会维州分会同时也认同维州政府及反对党在2011多元文化法案（Multicultural Act 2011）中显示出的对多元文化的一致支持。该法案将于今年九月份开始生效。

邹表示，“澳华社区议会维州分会希望借此机会感谢多元文化委员会的前任专员们，包括CCCAV自己的会长蒋天麟医生在任期间做出的贡献。你们的工作，热情和努力让维州更有宽容性。作为维州华人社区的高端组织，我们非常愿意与VMC的新晋主席Chin Tan以及其他专员们合作，以确保政府在制定政策的过程中会征求并参考多元社区的意见。随着新法案的推出及VMC的换届，我们有信心多元文化事务在维州的各项事务及政策决策中会被优先考虑”。