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2017 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Thank you and welcome to the 2018 Annual General Meeting. It has been my great privilege to have served as the club's president for the third year and 2017 has proved to be a busy and fruitful year for CCAT. I have to commend the Management Committee and all supporting associates for their dedication and hard work over the past year in achieving these successful outcomes.

- With the successful funding from the Stronger Communities Program (SCP) and the Tasmanian Community Fund (TCF), we commenced renovating our clubhouse early last year. Though we experienced long delay caused by the shortage of contractors due to the on-going building boom in Hobart, the CCAT clubhouse refurbishments have finally been completed. As you can appreciate today of a much more accessible and neat front entry/car park, new floor covering, efficient air conditioning, new functional counter and cupboards, and improved AV system, I am sure everyone is happy with the upgraded facilities. We must thank our Honorary architect Paul Lan for his professional advice and guidance on the refurbishments and all members who assisted in the process. My heartfelt thanks to our Vice-President Brian Chung who contributed significant time and expertise on the whole project, from funding application, negotiation with trades people, supervision of contractors to project reporting, a truly all-round professional!
- Chinese Premier Li Keqiang and wife Professor Chen Hong together with a delegation of Chinese business people had a five-day visit to Canberra and Sydney in March 2017. I was highly humbled and honoured to be invited to attend the Dinner Reception in Sydney on 25 March, and seated at Premier Li's High Table! I did mention to him about our rich resourceful State and hope that Premier Li may follow the footsteps of President Xi and visit Tasmania one day!
- Dragon Boat Festival was celebrated at the Grand Banquet Restaurant on 4 June attended by 135 members and friends. All enjoyed the delicious buffet and traditional festival food - Chinese rice dumplings.
- As the major refurbishments in our club rooms have been completed, the traditional Mid-Autumn Festival could be celebrated in the CCAT community hall on 24 September. EIG (Island Market) continued to sponsor the moon cakes for our members and friends to enjoy. Thanks to the Catering sub-committee and volunteers in providing a restaurant standard banquet lunch which raised about \$1,700 in total for our club.
- Under the continuous leadership of Principal Kim Phong, the Tasmania Chinese School celebrated its 20th anniversary at Ogilvie High School on 25 Nov with over 300 guests and friends who had a good time enjoying the day's activities including Lion Dance, Chinese instrument performance, Children dance and ethnic costume show. We appreciate the financial support given by The Consulate General of China in Melbourne and sponsors in making this celebratory event successful.
- Christmas BYO luncheon party was held at the club on 3 December. Members young and old enjoyed the festivities with colourful memories on receiving presents from Santa.
- I am delighted to announce that our past President Daniel Chan has been awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the 2018 Australia Day Honours List. This is certainly a formal recognition of not just Daniel's personal service to the Chinese community, but more importantly, the contribution of the Chinese community towards the wellbeing of the wider Tasmanian community.



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- CCAT held its 6th Lunar New Year Festival celebrating the year of the Dog on Sunday, 18 February 2018 and an estimated 8,500 attendees enjoyed delicious festive food and wonderful performances throughout the 4 zones of entertainment on the lawns of Parliament House. We are grateful for Festival Chairman James Lee's continued full dedication and enthusiastic new ideas in making this year's festival most successful. We held a Lunar New Year Parade from Princess Wharf to Parliament House lawns, to attract runners of the "Run The Bridge" Fun run held in the same morning to our festival. Another new event was the "Onland Dragon Boat Race" with teams from 3 famous local sporting clubs competing.

The highlight entertainment was "Pyeongtaek Nongak", a traditional Korean farmers music and dance listed on the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. We have to thank the Korean Community Volunteers Association and the Korean Consulate for the sponsorship and full support in bringing this unique performance all the way from South Korea for our enjoyment.

We were honoured to have the Premier of Tasmania, the Honourable Will Hodgman MP, Acting Lord Mayor of Hobart Ald Ron Christie, Andrew Wilkie MP, Elise Archer MP, Cassy O'Connor MP and Master Wang officiating at the opening ceremony. We appreciate the participation and support by the many local Asian communities and local organisations especially the Tasmanian Chinese Buddhist Academy for decorating the festival site with colourful big dog balloons and arch. We must thank the numerous volunteers and all our sponsors including the State Government and the City of Hobart for the continued support enabling CCAT to stage this popular annual event.

- The Reception hosted at Government House by Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Kate Warner AC and Mr Richard Warner on Monday 19 February was a timely recognition of the services of CCAT members and supporters of the Lunar New Year Festival. About 150 invited guests were treated to a delightful evening with traditional Chinese musical performance by Steven Wang and Zhou Fen.
- The annual Chinese New Year Celebration Dinner was held at the new Kwan Ho Restaurant inside Wrest Point Hotel on 22 February. Members and guests enjoyed a warm social get together with a sumptuous Chinese banquet. We also took this chance to present commemorative plaques to Charles Chung and Peter Chung for their distinguished services to CCAT.

With my presidential term now drawing to a close, I would like to thank all of you - in particular, those in the Management Committee - for your support in helping CCAT realize all achievements over the past year. The year ahead will be an exciting and challenging one, and I would like to encourage greater involvement from our members of the younger generation to guide CCAT's growth and activities as Tasmania becomes home to an increasingly dynamic multicultural society. I wish all our members and friends and the incoming Committee of Management for 2018 a happy, healthy and prosperous Year of the Dog!

Lily Chan
President