

Chinese Parents Association – Children With Disabilities Silver Jubilee Gala Dinner

Marigold Restaurant Level 5, 683 – 689 George St, Sydney Saturday 14 September, 6pm

Acknowledgements:

- Honourable President of the Chinese Parents Assoication, the Hon Helen Sham-Ho
- Dr Peter Wong, Unity Party
- Cr Annie Tang, Kogarah Council
- Cr Philip Samson, Hurstville Council
- Janey Tham, 2AC Chinese Radio
- Anthony Lee, 2CR Chinese Radio
- James Liu, Chinese Beneficence Federation of Australia
- Management Committee

Statement:

I'm pleased to be here today, to support the Chinese Parent's Association – Children with Disabilities and to accept this award.

The CPA this year celebrates 25 years, its Silver Jubliee, so tonight is our opportunity to reflect on the great work that the CPA does in our community.

Over the past 25 years the CPA has continued to provide important services and support to those most in need in our community and it has done so in a caring, heartfelt way.

CPA believes that people with disabilities irrespective of colour, race or creed should be treated equally and enjoy a rich and meaningful life. Their dedicated team of volunteers put that belief into action on a daily basis and we thank them for their efforts.

One of the great programs that CPA runs is the art lessons for which you held an art exhibition earlier in the year. Those kinds of activities go a long way to ensuring people disabilities discover the richness that life has to offer.

Programs like that also help spread the message that people with disability can play an active role in our community.

Through our Disability Action Committee, the City of Canterbury actively supports people with disability in our community but we always need help and I am glad that CPA is always there with a helping hand.

I would like to thank CPA for inviting me here tonight and congratulate them on their Silver Jubilee. The work you do is commendable, and truly does affect the lives of so many, especially those of Chinese origin with children with disabilities.

Congratulations to you all and I wish you all continued success, health and happiness.