

Chinese Lunar New Year
Celebration of the Pig
Deputy Mayor Thompson
Sunday, February 17, 2019

Good afternoon.

Gong hei fat choy!

It is a pleasure to be here with you today to celebrate the Year of the Pig. May this year bring prosperity, health and good fortune to all.

Thank you to the Chinese Collective Arts Association for organizing the amazing festivities today. The City of Toronto is proud to support cultural celebrations from all of our many diverse communities.

In Toronto and in Scarborough especially we are known for our diversity. It is one of our greatest strengths and one of the reasons Scarborough is such a vibrant place to live, work and play.

Your celebration here today is a prime example of this vibrancy. Not only are you celebrating with your community. But by choosing to celebrate in the open area of the Rotunda, you are showcasing your culture to all who enter.

As Chair of the City's Economic and Community Development Committee, I have had the pleasure of visiting China on many occasions. I am proud to say these visits have resulted in 6 strong

relationships with cities across China and have brought millions of dollars in investment to the City of Toronto.

These relationships are vital to ensuring Toronto remains open and inclusive of all cultures while attracting trade and economic opportunities.

There is a day full of activities and performances scheduled ahead. So please, enjoy the day and be sure to stay until the end.

It is now my pleasure to present the Chinese Collective Arts Association with this scroll from the Mayor and I.