

To Our Most Distinguished Guests:

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we are hereby cordially inviting you as our most honored guest to the 2016 Ohio Chinese Festival, to be held at Westerville Central High School on Saturday, January 30, from 11 AM to 7 PM. The school's address is 7118 Mount Royal Ave, Westerville, OH 43082.

The Festival is organized by Chinese Culture Link (CCL) and Ohio Contemporary Chinese School (OCCS), joined by more than a dozen national and local organizations. CCL and OCCS have successfully organized eight (8) Chinese Festivals in the past years, each attracted thousands of visitors.

To make the largest Chinese New Year celebration in the state of Ohio yet another great attraction, over 100 core volunteers, including many from sister cities such as Cleveland, Cincinnati, Toledo, Dayton, and Athens, have worked diligently for the past several months. It has received generous support from national and local businesses and individuals.

The Chinese Festival presents many facets of the Chinese culture. There will be three stage show galas, performed by top professional and amateur artists from all over Ohio, in a variety of artistic forms, including lion dances, ballet, traditional Chinese instruments, Western musical instruments, Chinese folk dances, martial arts, choir, popular songs and music.

There will also be informative and refreshing cultural demonstrations that showcase traditional Chinese arts such as Chinese calligraphy, Chinese painting, colorful costume shows of different minority groups, tea ceremony, and spectacular scenic photographical works. Other activities include many forms of sports competitions, and children's games. And, there is no Chinese celebration without delicious Chinese foods, so we make sure that you'll be treated with variety of ethnic Chinese cuisines. For more information please see the enclosed poster.

This all-free event is a great opportunity for people in Central Ohio to celebrate Chinese New Year and experience the richness of Chinese culture. It will be our great honor to have you join us in the Festival, and we would appreciate it if you can encourage people around you to attend. We are confident that all our guests will truly enjoy this wonderful event!

If you, or your representative, are able to attend for any length of time during the day, please make your intention known by replying to this letter. We want to make sure that you will be warmly greeted.

Thank you in advance for your support of the Chinese Festival!

Sincerely,

*Jason Ma, PhD*

*Chair, CCL; Vice Principal, OCCS*

*Yan Sun*

*Chair, 2016 Ohio Chinese Festival Organizing Committee*

