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Re: Dragonboat Festival, Sunday 1 June 2008

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Chinese Welfare Association is organising the annual Chinese Dragon Boat Festival and we wish to invite you, your friends and colleagues in our celebrations.

The Dragon Boat festival is a symbol of Chinese culture and spirit with a history tracing back for more than 2000 years and today takes place all over the world where Chinese communities have settled. We are proud to celebrate this festival in Belfast (twin city of Heifei province in China) with a series of dragon boat races down the River Lagan.

The festival will take place on **Sunday 1st June 2008**

Venue: Lagan Watersports Complex

2 Rivers Edge, 13 Ravenhill Rd. Belfast

***Chinese Lion Dance kicks off Festival at 10:30am *Dragon boat races**

***Fun for all the family and kids * Chinese stalls and workshops**

***Chinese and Ethnic foods *Street Performers**

A great way to take part for your group, organisation or friends in this Festival is to enter a Dragonboat team; so why not join us? Entry fee is £170 per team (£10 per person) and includes lunch. All proceeds will go towards the future Chinese Community Centre now being built along the River Lagan. Please e-mail Sofia at cro@cwa-ni.org to enter a team.

- All participants wishing to enter the race must be at the Lagan Watersports complex for 10:00 am
- Each team can consist of a maximum of 16 rowers with 1 drummer.
- Participants have to be 16 years of age or above.
- Dragon Boats and life jackets will be provided by Lagan Water sports complex.

We look forward to you, friends, community groups, statutory organisations or private companies coming together to celebrate the Dragon boat festival with the Chinese Community on Belfast's River Lagan. It will be a great day for all, whether you are racing, spectating or enjoying the cultural workshops etc. All family and friends are welcome.

For further information please contact us at the above address or by e-mail: youth@cwa-ni.org or cro@cwa-ni.org

Yours sincerely,

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