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EVENT NOTICE: Chinese New Year Twilight Parade

The first ever Chinese New Year Twilight Parade will light up the city on Sunday 1 February for a magical family night out.

Starting at dusk, Sydney's streets will host a stunning night time procession of costumes, giant lanterns, lights and illuminated floats.

Featuring 2,600 people, the Twilight Parade will showcase the very best local performers and 500 performers from Henan province, China, the home of the famous Shaolin Temple.

This year the parade will be followed by a fireworks display at Cockle Bay, Darling Harbour.

The Twilight Parade is a highlight of the Chinese New Year Festival which runs from 23 January – 15 February and this year celebrates the Year of the Ox. The Festival features more than 50 events including temple tours, the first ever Sydney Chinese Film Festival, art exhibitions, kids' events, history, food and cultural tours, calligraphy demonstrations, opera and banquets.

More than 600,000 people attend the Festival annually, making it one of Sydney's fastest growing and most popular events.

"Sydney's Chinese New Year Festival is the largest celebration of the Lunar New Year outside of Asia," said Lord Mayor Clover Moore MP. "The Festival will have something for everyone to enjoy, from spectacular performances to unique cultural experiences."

Full program is available at www.sydneychinesenewyear.com.au

Chinese New Year Twilight Parade

When: Sunday 1 February 2009
Time: 7.45pm – 9.30pm
Where: Town Hall - Chinatown, followed by fireworks at Cockle Bay

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