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武艺闹元宵·澳中武术太极节在悉尼 ASHFIELD 市政厅盛大举行
以武会友 以文化人 以武止戈——中华武术与澳洲多元文化交相辉映

On March 1, the “Martial Arts Celebrate the Lantern Festival · Australian–Chinese Kungfu & Taichi Festival”, hosted by the Australian–Chinese Wushu (Kungfu) Culture Association Inc, was grandly held at Ashfield Town Hall in Sydney.

The event ran from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., lasting a full eight hours, during which a steady flow of visitors filled the venue, with the hall remaining largely at full capacity throughout the day. It is the only Lunar New Year celebration in Sydney themed around Chinese martial arts, one of the most distinctive cultural symbols of China, and also one of the largest Lantern Festival celebrations in Sydney.



3月1日，由澳中武术（功夫）文化协会主办的“武艺闹元宵·澳中武术太极节”在悉尼 ASHFIELD TOWN HALL 盛大举行。活动从上午10点持续至下午6点，整整八小时，是悉尼唯一以中华武术这一文化名片为主题的新春庆祝活动，也是悉尼规模最大的元宵节庆典之一。

The event was guided by the spirit of “bringing people together through martial arts, cultivating character through culture, and embracing multicultural harmony.” Using martial arts as a bridge, the festival fostered meaningful connections among diverse cultures.

Through every movement of fists and palms, the profound depth of Chinese martial arts was displayed, while also reflecting the harmonious coexistence of Australia’s multicultural society. Different cultures met and interacted here, and people from diverse communities came to know one another. On this vibrant multicultural land, the festival presented a cultural landscape of “beauty shared in diversity and harmony in coexistence.”



Photo: Welcome to Country Ceremony

本次活动以“以武会友、以文化人、多元共融”为精神主线，以武术为媒，促进多元文化。拳掌之间不仅展示武术文化的博大精深，更展示了澳洲多元文化的和谐共融。不同文化在此交汇，不同族群在此相识，在这一片多元文化的土地上，呈现出一幅“美美与共、和合共生”的文化图景。

Distinguished guests attending the event included: Wang Yunkuo, President of the AUSTRALIAN-CHINESE WUSHU (KUNGFU) CULTURE ASSOCIATION INC; Stone Li, Chairman of the Organising Committee of the Association; Jo Carlisle, Councillor of the Inner West Council; Le Liwen, Cultural Counsellor of the Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China in Sydney; Zhou Jun, staff member of the Consulate-General office; Benjamin Cai, Mayor of Strathfield; and Wang Bin, Councillor of Hurstville etc.



Photo: Welcome to Country Ceremony

与会嘉宾有澳中武术功夫协会会长王云阔、澳中武术功夫协会组委会主席、澳大利亚楚商联合会会长、佳澳集团董事长STONE LI, 中国驻悉尼总领馆文化参赞乐利文, 领馆周军, INNER WEST COUNCILOR JO CARLISE, STRATHFIELD市长 BENJAMIN CAI, HURSTVILLE 议员王斌, 本次活动总顾问澳中上海世界联盟总会主席、澳中周末报社社长施明星、纽省华人华侨妇女联合会会长张琦, ASHFIELD商会会长 MARTIN PAN, 精武会名誉会长伍汉伟, 地产企业家DANIEL HU, 悉尼实验中文学校校长、新州华文作家协会荣誉会长张劲帆, 冠名赞助商 PRIME DIRECTORS SUDI FU, 冠名赞助商 NEW NORTH DIRECTOR WILLIAM JIANG, REAL PRODUCE DIRECTORS RALPH, JACK, KIEL INTERNATIONAL MARCO LEONADO, CARGO KING VINCENT HALIM, 悉尼实验中文学校副校长扈丽萍, 大同中文学校校长董宁, 以及本次活动总导演、小红帽协会艺术团团长陈莉萍, 总策划令见文慈会会长令见等。

Martial Arts Talk | The Spirit of Wushu: Cultivate the Mind, Uphold Peace



At the opening of the event, Sydney media personality and brand strategist Ling Jian conducted a unique “Wushu Micro Interview” with Wang Yunkuo, President of the Australian–Chinese Wushu (Kungfu) Culture Association, revealing the deeper spirit and philosophy of Chinese martial arts to the audience.

活动开场环节，悉尼知名媒体人、品牌策划人 令见 对澳中武术（功夫）文化协会会长 王云阔 进行了一场别开生面的“武道微访谈”，为现场观众揭开中华武术精神的深层内涵。

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Wang Yunkuo, who has practiced martial arts for over fifty years, believes the essence of Wushu lies not in competition, but in self-cultivation and inner discipline. True martial artists transform impulse into composure, strength into restraint, and skill into tolerance. Since its founding in 2018, the Australian–Chinese Wushu (Kungfu) Culture Association has upheld the spirit of “using martial arts to promote peace and self-improvement,” bringing together practitioners from diverse cultural backgrounds. Beyond teaching techniques, the association emphasizes martial virtue and community service. In Wang’s view, the true power of martial arts lies in resolving conflict, fostering understanding, and building unity within multicultural communities.



王云阔会长习武逾五十年。他认为，武术的精髓不在争胜，而在修心与自律。真正的武者，应将力量化为克制，将锋芒化为包容。自2018年成立以来，澳中武术功夫协会秉持“武以止戈、超越自我”的理念，汇聚不同文化背景的习武者，不仅传授技艺，更弘扬武德与公益精神。武术不仅是强身之道，更成为连接多元文化、促进社区理解与团结的重要桥梁。

GUEST SPEECHES: THE LIGHT OF MARTIAL ARTS IN MULTICULTURALISM

Jo Carlisle, Councillor of the Inner West Council, noted that Ashfield has long been a community where diverse cultures meet and flourish. Today's martial arts festival allows people from different cultural backgrounds to connect through sport and art, fostering mutual understanding and appreciation. Such cultural exchange activities ensure that multiculturalism is not only reflected in policy, but also vividly expressed in everyday community life.



来自 INNER WEST COUNCIL 的议员 JO CARLISLE 表示，ASHFIELD 一直是多元文化交汇的社区，今天的武术节让不同文化背景的人们通过运动与艺术相互理解、彼此欣赏。这样的文化交流活动，让多元文化不仅存在于政策中，更真实地体现在社区生活之中。

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Yue Liwen, Cultural Counsellor of the Chinese Consulate-General in Sydney, said martial arts carry the heroic dreams of youth and embody the wisdom of Chinese culture. Seeing children and people from diverse backgrounds participating, he praised the Chinese community's efforts in promoting cultural exchange and expressed support for initiatives strengthening China–Australia understanding.



中国驻悉尼总领馆文化参赞乐利文表示，武术承载着许多人少年时代的英雄梦想。他回忆自己少年习武的经历，虽未坚持，但对武术的热爱始终不减。在他看来，武术是中华文化的瑰宝，不仅强身健体，更蕴含修身养性的智慧。看到众多少少年儿童与不同族裔朋友共同参与，他仿佛看见梦想延续。他感谢华人社区长期推动中华文化传播，并表示总领馆将支持促进中澳文化交流的项目。

GUEST SPEECHES: THE LIGHT OF MARTIAL ARTS IN MULTICULTURALISM

Benjamin Cai, Mayor of Strathfield, said the Lantern Festival symbolizes reunion and harmony. Events like this martial arts festival bring people of diverse cultural backgrounds together, fostering understanding and cultural exchange. He praised the Chinese community for enriching the city's cultural life, noting that multicultural harmony is one of Australia's greatest strengths.



STRATHFIELD市长蔡定杰表示，元宵节象征团圆与和谐，而这样的文化活动正是多元社会相互理解与交流的重要桥梁。通过武术这一独具魅力的中华文化名片，不同族裔和文化背景的人们得以相聚一堂，共同感受节日的喜悦与文化的魅力。他高度肯定华人社区长期以来为城市文化生活注入的活力，并表示多元文化的交融与共生，正是澳大利亚社会最宝贵的财富。

GUEST SPEECHES: THE LIGHT OF MARTIAL ARTS IN MULTICULTURALISM

Councillor Wang Bin of Hurstville spoke on “Culture Brings Friends, Martial Arts Bring Peace.” He explained that the Chinese character for martial arts means “to stop conflict.” Sharing his story of protecting the Bruce Lee statue, he quoted Bruce Lee’s philosophy “Be like water,” highlighting flexibility and inclusiveness in a multicultural society.



HURSTVILLE 议员王斌 在致辞中以“以文会友，以武止戈”为题分享了自己对中华武术精神的理解。他表示，“武”字拆开即“止戈”，武术的真正意义在于创造和平。他还讲述了自己守护社区李小龙铜像的故事，并引用李小龙“BE LIKE WATER”的哲学，指出包容与灵活正是多元社会最重要的力量。

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Zhang Jinfan, Principal of Sydney Experimental Chinese School and Honorary President of the NSW Chinese Writers Association, said he has witnessed the martial arts association's growth over the years. Martial arts are not only for physical fitness but also a form of cultural education, teaching young people discipline, respect, and traditional values.



悉尼实验中文学学校校长、新州华文作家协会荣誉会长 张劲帆 在致辞中表示，他见证了武术协会多年来的成长。武术不仅是强身健体的运动，更是一种文化教育方式，让年轻一代在习武中学习礼仪、纪律与尊重。

GUEST SPEECHES: THE LIGHT OF MARTIAL ARTS IN MULTICULTURALISM

Li Zhifeng, Chairman of the Organising Committee of the Australian–Chinese Wushu Association and President of the Australia Chu Business Association, delivered the closing thanks. He said martial arts are a treasure of Chinese culture and a bridge between cultures, bringing people together and promoting mutual understanding and deeper China–Australia cultural exchange.



最后，澳中武术协会组委会主席、澳大利亚楚商联合会会长李治峰发表答谢致辞。他表示，武术是中华文化的重要瑰宝，也是连接不同文化的重要桥梁。在澳大利亚这片多元文化交汇的土地上，武术早已跨越族群与语言的界限，让不同背景的人们在一招一式之间相互理解、彼此尊重。未来，协会将继续以武术为媒，凝聚侨心、汇聚侨力、发挥侨智，推动中澳民间文化交流不断深化。

A MARTIAL ARTS SHOWCASE: THE SPIRIT OF WUSHU ON DISPLAY

The martial arts festival brought together outstanding masters and teams from diverse cultural backgrounds. Southern and Northern styles, Shaolin and Wudang traditions, as well as Tai Chi and internal martial arts were showcased on the same stage, reflecting the richness and diversity of Wushu.



武林盛宴：群英竞艺尽展武道风采

本次武术节可谓群英荟萃、百艺齐鸣。来自不同民族背景的武术家与团队同台献艺，南拳北腿、少林武当、太极内家交相辉映。

A MARTIAL ARTS SHOWCASE: THE SPIRIT OF WUSHU ON DISPLAY

Weapons such as broadswords, spears, swords, meteor hammers, nine-section whips, and nunchaku were performed in succession, showcasing the rich heritage of traditional martial arts. Southern styles displayed strength and power, Northern styles emphasized agile kicks and expansive movements; Tai Chi flowed like drifting clouds, while weapon routines moved with the force of wind and thunder.



武林盛宴：群英竞艺尽展武道风采

刀、枪、剑、流星锤、九节鞭、双节棍等“十八般武艺”轮番登场，拳掌翻飞之间尽显中华武术千年风骨。南拳刚猛雄浑，北腿舒展凌厉；太极如行云流水，器械似风雷激荡。

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The event featured 77 performances, ranging from children's martial arts demonstrations to masters' showcases. From traditional routines to Tai Chi for health, the carefully arranged program unfolded in dynamic progression, creating a vibrant martial arts celebration that brought together participants of different ages and cultural backgrounds.



整场活动共呈现 77个节目，从儿童武术到名家演示，从传统拳术到太极养生，在精心编排中层层递进，形成一场跨越年龄与文化的武术盛宴。

HONOURING EXCELLENCE AND SERVICE

荣誉时刻：致敬奉献与传承

The Martial Virtue Award honoured individuals who have made outstanding contributions to promoting martial arts and serving the community. Beyond physical skill, martial arts embody discipline and moral values. The recipients have played an important role in preserving tradition and fostering cultural understanding within multicultural communities.

本次武术节的成功举办离不开志愿者团队的无私付出。活动特别颁发“优秀志愿者奖”，以感谢志愿者们在活动组织、现场服务、秩序维护及文化推广等方面的辛勤努力。他们以热情与责任守护着活动的顺利进行，也以实际行动诠释了社区互助与公益精神，为多元文化社区注入温暖与活力。

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1、Martial Virtue Award

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本次活动特别设立“武道德望奖”，以表彰长期在武术文化传承、推广与社区服务中作出杰出贡献的代表人物。武术不仅是技艺，更是一种品德修养与精神传承。获奖者以自身行动弘扬武德精神，在推广武术文化、促进社区团结及跨文化交流方面发挥了重要作用，成为连接传统文化与多元社会的重要桥梁。

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2、Outstanding Volunteer Award

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A NEW YEAR OF KINDNESS: LIGHT AND COMPASSION

开年行善：灯火人间，善意如春

This event was not only a cultural celebration but also a meaningful act of community goodwill. Several Ashfield businesses offered free lunches to volunteers and provided vouchers for seniors and children, sharing kindness and warmth with the community at the start of the new year.



Photo: Tribute to Chinese Entrepreneur and Philanthropist Mei Guangda

本次活动不仅是文化盛会，更是一场社区善举。ASHFIELD 多家商家开年行善，为志愿者提供爱心午餐，并发放消费券给老人和儿童。

ARTISTIC CELEBRATION: MULTICULTURAL ARTS LIGHT UP THE LANTERN FESTIVAL

文艺盛宴：多元艺术点亮元宵之夜

Beyond the martial arts performances, Sydney arts groups presented dances, choir, opera, folk music, and face-changing acts. Applause filled the hall, with some audiences saying the performances rivaled gala shows. The blend of diverse arts enriched the festival atmosphere and added vibrant cultural colour.



在武术表演之外，由悉尼多家文艺团体共同带来的文艺演出同样精彩纷呈。舞蹈、合唱、戏曲、民乐、变脸等节目轮番登场。

现场掌声不断，有观众感叹：“有些节目的质量，几乎可以媲美春晚。”多元艺术的交融，使整场活动在武术之外更增添了一层浓郁的节庆氛围。

MARTIAL ARTS UNITED, CULTURES IN HARMONY

武道不孤 文化共生

From martial arts to music and dance, from community to stage, this eight-hour cultural celebration was not only a Lantern Festival event, but also a meaningful dialogue across cultures.



从武术到歌舞，从社区到舞台，这场持续八小时的文化盛宴，不仅是一场元宵庆典，更是一场跨文化的精神对话。

MARTIAL ARTS UNITED, CULTURES IN HARMONY

武道不孤 文化共生

On this southern land, martial arts resonate with Australia's multicultural spirit through values of balance, respect, and peace. Bringing people together through martial arts and culture, its philosophy crosses oceans. Amid lion dances and drums, the spirit of Wushu continues to take root and flourish within Australia's diverse cultural landscape.



在这片南半球的土地上，武术以其包容、平衡与和平的哲学，与澳大利亚多元文化精神彼此呼应。以武会友，以文化人；武道不孤，贤达同行。在龙狮腾跃、鼓声激荡之中，武术的精神正跨越山海，在澳大利亚多元文化的土壤中生根发芽、生生不息。

A WONDERFUL TIME TOGETHER



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MARTIAL ARTS UNITED, CULTURES IN HARMONY

武道不孤 文化共生

Martial spirit stirs the world so wide,
Through art and heart the truth inside.
Dragons rise where spring lights glow,
Kindness shared in Lantern's glow.



武风浩荡震乾坤，艺道修心见本真。
闹市龙腾春意暖，元宵行善享天伦。



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