

## Media Release

Event: 1000 lights for peace



Wesa Chau, Young Victorian of the Year 2010 is hosting 1000 lights for peace on **Friday 12 September 2014 6:30pm at Lincoln Square Carlton**. Joined by Zoe Condliffe, runner up of Miss Humanity 2014, 1000 lights for peace is a public offering of peace using ancient Chinese art.

In recent months, there had been many accidents, disasters, conflicts and diseases happening around the world. They have been devastating to watch in the news. We want to release 1000 lanterns to wish for peace.

Wesa Chau said “In Chinese culture we release floating lanterns into the river to send happiness to family and friends and to remember loved ones who have passed away. It is traditionally done during mid-autumn festival and every lantern released equals one wish for peace, so our aim is to send 1000 wishes for peace that night.”

People from other cultures also have similar practices, for example in India they have diya, and in Japan they call it Tōrō Nagashi.”

Everyone from all cultures and all ages are welcome to join in, and we're not support any sides of conflicts, or seeking blames for accidents, simply wishing for peace.”

“It should look very beautiful on the night, so bring a camera!” said Wesa Chau

There are two different shapes on which the lanterns will be released; the traditional lotus and a small boat. Progress of providing the 1000 hand made lanterns is well underway by members of the Chinese Community.

Wesa and Zoe are raising money for Oxfam on the night so please join with them on the night and make your wish for peace!

Media is welcome.



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