



# 中华人民共和国驻墨尔本总领事馆

Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Melbourne

## Congratulatory Message

On the occasion of the opening of the exhibition 'Chinese Bells: Ancient Sounds in a Southern Land', I wish to extend, on behalf of the Consulate-General, the warmest congratulations for this remarkable event.

Chime Bells, *bian zhong*, are the most majestic and holy ancient instrument in China. As a symbol of power, they were used for sacrificial ceremonies or other crucial ceremonies, starting 3,500 years ago. The bells are testament to the ingenuity of the Chinese people which embody the remarkable achievements of China's musical culture and heritage. Its exquisite cast and pure sound revealed the high level of ancient Chinese civilization and wisdom.

We highly commend Golden Dragon Museum for its enduring commitment to preserving and promoting the richness of Chinese traditional culture. This exhibition, showcasing the depth of China's history and the splendour of its musical traditions, will no doubt offer the audience a truly distinguished and memorable experience.

I sincerely wish the exhibition a great success.

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