



Goon Yee Tong Limited

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Newsletter

Thank you for your enthusiastic support and participation for the Spring Festival organized by Goon Yee Tong held on 11 February and 16 February respectively. Congratulation to 2018 Scholarship winner - Justin Honson Yuen (ATAR 95.5) and he was awarded \$3,000 as an encouragement.

The Chingming Festival Tribute will be held on Sunday 7 April at Luk Fook (六福) Kong Shin Tong (廣善堂) in Rockwood Cemetery. The President and Vice President will lead us in paying tribute to our ancestors at 11:45am. Then it will be follow the distribution of roast pork vouchers to members until 12:30pm. Members with a valid membership card can receive one voucher and friends and relatives cannot collect on behalf of the Members. Those who owe membership fees or less than one year after joining are not entitled for getting the voucher. Members are reminded that we will not accept payments for membership fees during the Chingming Festival Tributes. Bus tickets to the Luk Fook Cemetery can be obtained from Goon Yee Tong office from 28 March to 4 April. Members will need to pay a deposit of \$10 for a ticket. Attendees will be picked up outside the entrance of Goon Yee Tong (next to the Stone lion) at 10:00am. The return trip is 1:00pm and will return to the Chinatown boarding place, ending the daily activity at about 2:30pm.

The one day trip is scheduled to visit the Indochinese Aged Care Ltd (印支高齡服務中心) on 13 May (Monday) then followed the visit to the Australian Chinese Buddhist Society (澳洲中華佛學會明月居士林). Our members will be invited to enjoy the vegetarian food for free. Since there is a limit of 50 people, it is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants must pay a deposit of \$10 at Goon Yee Tong office from 1 May to 8 May to reserve for a bus ticket. On the 13 May, participants will be picked up outside the entrance of Goon Yee Tong (next to the Stone lion) at 10:00am. The bus will return to the boarding place and ending the daily activity at about 3:00pm.

AGM of Loong Yee Tong (LYT) 聯義堂會員大會: The predecessor of the Dongguan Association can be traced back to 1850. At that time, many Chinese workers along the coast of Guangdong Province who travelled to Australia gradually merged together. In the harsh environment, everyone helped and supported each other and eventually organized into a mutually support community. Since 1916, migrated people from Dongguan (東莞) and Zengcheng (增城) join together and formed a community organization. Later, a clubhouse was built at the site of the Goon Yee Tong. Since then, it has provided a home to the fellow villagers during their transitional period when they just landed in Australia. At a later time, they formed the "NSW Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry (紐省中華總商會)" and finally established the LYT. According to the rules of LYT before 1994, it clearly stated that all the members of the Goon Yee Tong and Luen Fook Tong would automatically become the Member of LYT. LYT's AGM is currently organized and the date is tentatively scheduled to be held on 19 May, 2019 (Sunday) at 5:00pm. Members are urged to participate and please pay attention for more details from the next Newsletter.

Note: On 19 April, 22 April and 25 April, the office will be closed for public holidays.

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President, Colin Chau 21 Mar 2019