



## **Greetings from the City of Surrey**

On behalf of Surrey City Council, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society's "explorASIAN" 2008 Festival. This event promises to be an exciting and enriching event for the Asian community in Vancouver, the Lower Mainland and beyond.

It is remarkable that the Festival has been featuring top performers, emerging artists, actors, dancers and cultural treasures since 1996 and I would like to commend the event organizers in particular for the excellent work that goes into the Festival.

For guests who are coming from outside of the Lower Mainland, I would like to extend a special welcome to you. I would encourage you to explore the Lower Mainland and take in all that this rich and diverse region has to offer. There is an abundance of natural parks, spectacular views and friendly people in this area and I'm sure you will be warmly welcomed.

Again, welcome to the "explorASIAN" 2008 Festival and have a wonderful time!

Sincerely,

Dianne L. Watts,  
Mayor