



Message from the Mayor

On behalf of the City of Surrey, it gives me great pride to welcome you to the Vancouver Asian Heritage Month Society's 13th annual "explorASIAN" 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 congratulate the organizers and volunteers who have worked so hard to ensure our shared vision is achieved. The City of Surrey is committed to ensuring we have a welcoming community that is accessible to everyone.

Finally, I want to give a special welcome to those participants who have come from outside of Surrey. 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.

Welcome to Surrey and enjoy the 2009 "explorASIAN" Festival!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Dianne L. Watts". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dianne L. Watts,
Mayor