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Virginia Judge MP



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MINISTER ATTENDS FIRST CONFUCIUS CULTURE FESTIVAL

Minister for Citizenship, Virginia Judge today joined scholars and followers of the great Chinese Philosopher, Confucius, to celebrate the first Confucius Culture Festival held in Australia.

“It is exciting to think that in our midst in Sydney there are people devoted to studying and implementing the wonderful thoughts of Confucius, two thousand five hundred years after his death,” Ms Judge

“So encompassing and far-sighted were the ideas of Confucius that they remain as relevant and fresh for his followers today as they were when he first wrote them.

“In a world beset with strife and conflict, the recipes for harmony espoused by Confucius still have importance for us and this festival has helped to bring that wisdom to our attention.

“This festival is a wonderful manifestation of the great value of our multicultural society: the inspiring thoughts and ideas of every significant culture on the planet have been brought here to be shared and appreciated by all.”

The first Confucius Culture Festival of Australia is supported by the Burwood City Council, the Australian Hokkien Huan Kuain Association, the Australian Council for the Promotion of the Peaceful Reunification of China, the Sydney University Confucius Institute, the Australian Chinese Performing Artists' Association and the Evergreen Elderly Charity Foundation.

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