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A message from Auckland Mayor Phil Goff

Xin Nian Kuai Le!

Niu Nian Da Ji!

Gong Xi Fa Cai! Gong Hay Fat Choy!

Happy Lunar New Year and my very best wishes for the Year of the Ox.

The Lunar New Year is a time to come together with friends and family and to wish each other good fortune, good health and prosperity for the year ahead.

It's also a time to acknowledge the important contribution that Auckland's Chinese communities make to the success, diversity and vibrancy of our city.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been challenging for all of us in Auckland, New Zealand and around the world. Fortunately, we've been able to contain community transmission within our borders and go about our lives relatively normally. Our thoughts are with all those who have been affected by the pandemic, and I look forward to when we can resume travel and tourism between New Zealand, China and the world.

Thank you to Auckland's Chinese community for your contribution to our city. You help make it a more culturally vibrant and economically successful place to live, work and visit.

I hope you have a wonderful New Year and I look forward to seeing many of you again soon at events such as the Lantern Festival from 25 to 28 February, which will this year be held on Auckland's beautiful waterfront.

My special regards to all those who were born in the Year of the Ox. You are known for being hard working, dedicated and honest. Best wishes to you all for a happy, prosperous and peaceful year ahead.

Niu Nian Shen Ti Bang Bang!

Cai Yun Wang Wang!

Gong Xi Fa Cai!

Gong Hay Fat Choy!

Phil Goff

MAYOR OF AUCKLAND