HARMONY DAY RECIPIENTS RECOGNISED FOR SELFLESS EFFORTS

Celebrating the Territory’s vibrant multicultural community and unique lifestyle is instrumental to Harmony Day celebrations, Multicultural Affairs Minister Delia Lawrie said today.

Ms Lawrie last night kicked off Harmony Day – or Harmony Month as is celebrated in the NT – by announcing the recipients of the Charles See Kee Awards at Parliament House.

“Harmony Day – or month as we celebrate it up here - has special significance in the Northern Territory – we boast a proud history as a successful multicultural community,” she said.

“The Territory’s diverse multicultural community enriches our lives through social and economic activities.

“The Martin Labor Government supports multicultural Territorians with grants programs – including funding for Harmony Day activities across the Territory of almost $50 000.”

Ms Lawrie said this year there were 48 successful sponsorship recipients including schools, ethnic community groups, community service providers, local councils and radio stations across the Northern Territory.

“This demonstrates the vibrant support for the Harmony Month concept in the Northern Territory,” she said.

Ms Lawrie last night announced the three recipients of the awards:

- **Individual:** Mr Kevin Kadigamar
- **Organisation:** Early Childhood Australia NT
- **Project:** Chung Wah Society Lion Dance Troupe

“The NT Government established the Charles See Kee Awards to recognise the tireless efforts by people in our community to promote harmony,” Ms Lawrie said.

“The Awards were named after a man who was involved in the wider community and particularly the migrant and refugee community – and who also helped establish the Territory’s community radio station 8TOP FM.

“I congratulate our 2007 recipients for their valuable contribution towards the advancement of multiculturalism in the Territory.”