Harmony Day Celebrated Territory Style

The Territory’s vibrant multicultural community will be toasted tonight when the recipients of the Charles See Kee Awards are celebrated at a Harmony Day function at Parliament House.

Harmony Day falls on 21 March to coincide with the United Nations’ International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

“The Northern Territory is the envy of all Australia in terms of multiculturalism and community harmony,” Minister Assisting the Chief Minister on Multicultural Affairs Matthew Bonson said.

“Multiculturalism contributes to the social, economic and cultural development of the Territory, and also helps foster and strengthen our links internationally.

“And they aren’t casual links … they are real ties of family and community between the Northern Territory and the many homelands Territorians come from.”

Mr Bonson said the NT Government was a sponsor of Harmony Month, providing grant funding to schools, ethnic community organisations, service providers and local councils for events and activities during Harmony Month.

This year, 49 projects totalling more than $43,000 from around the Territory have been funded by the Territory Government through the Multicultural Affairs Sponsorship Program, administered by the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Mr Bonson tonight announced the recipients of the Charles See Kee Awards.

The recipients for the 2008 Charles See Kee Awards are:

- **Individual**: Aiden Mitchell (under 25), Adama Conda (over 25)
- **Organisation**: Multicultural Youth Council of the NT
- **Project**: Harmony Wall, Palmerston

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

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