$245 000 FOR CHUNG WAH SOCIETY

The Chung Wah Society will be one of the first multicultural organisations to benefit from the Government’s $1.5 million Multicultural Communities Facility Development Program over the next three years.

Multicultural Affairs Minister, Kon Vatskalis, today used Chinese New Year celebrations and the start of the new Northern Territory parliamentary year to present the Chung Wah Society’s Daryl Chin and the Chinese Lion with the first instalment of funding.

“The Chung Wah Society is one of the many organisations that contribute to our diverse multiculturalism and great Territory lifestyle,” said Mr Vatskalis.

“Through the Multicultural Communities Facility Development Program, the Chung Wah Society will receive $245 000 over the next three years. Today, I’m very pleased to present Mr Chin with the first instalment of funding - $110 000.

“The Chung Wah Society will use the funds to further develop their Wood Street Chinese cultural centre, including expansions to their museum, function hall, a new conference facility and library.

“We’re a Government for all Territorians and we’re proud to support our multicultural communities,” he said.

Mr Vatskalis said more than $800 000 has been allocated to 10 multicultural groups around the Territory under the program for repairs, improvements and expansions to existing facilities.

“Through such partnerships between Government and our multicultural communities, the Martin Labor Government is moving the Territory ahead,” he said.

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