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Lougheed Town Centre celebrates the Year of the Ox

Burnaby, BC – On Saturday, January 24, Lougheed Town Centre is pleased to invite patrons to an annual celebration of the Lunar Festival to bring in the Year of the Ox! This is the first in a series of multicultural festivals to be celebrated in 2009 at Lougheed Town Centre. Burquitlam MLA, Hon. Harry Bloy and Senator Yonah Martin will perform the opening ceremonies, during which a cultural display panel will be unveiled. The display panel provides relevant information about the traditions and celebrations surrounding each festival, and will be available for viewing in the Mall throughout the year.

Festivities include traditional entertainment and activities by Chinese and Korean cultural performers. The schedule of events is as follows:

10:30 am – Chinese calligraphy near Centre Court.

11:00 am – The Traditional Kung Fu Center will perform the popular Lion Dance to drive away demons and to bring blessings (Choy Chang) of prosperity and good luck to merchants and guests.

12:00 pm - Performance of traditional Chinese dances by the “North Burnaby Retired Society”.

1:30 pm – Exhibition of Korean pottery by Master Potter Clay Kim.

1:30 pm – The Korean Traditional Arts Society will kick off the Korean celebration with a parade around the Centre followed by Dance and Drum performances in Centre Court.

2:30 pm – The event will wrap up with traditional Korean dancing by the Vancouver Korean Dance Society.

We invite patrons and their families to come and celebrate the Lunar New Year with us on January 24 at Lougheed Town Centre. Guests are welcome to bring their cameras to capture these exciting and colorful images.

Free fortune cookies, courtesy of Manchu Wok and Korean candies will be distributed.

Best wishes for a happy and prosperous Year of the Ox!

Lougheed Town Centre is located at North Road and Austin Avenue in Burnaby.

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