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LION DANCE FUNDRAISER FOR SICHUAN EARTHQUAKE

(Toronto, On. – MAY 31 - JUN 1, 2008) Wushu Canada and Wushu Ontario are organizing the largest collaborative Lion Dance in Toronto history to raise funds for the victims of the Sichuan Earthquake. The earthquake that rattled in southwest China's Sichuan Province, measured 7.8 on the Richter scale and has left approximately 34 000 dead, 245 000 injured, buried, or missing, and 4.8 million displaced. All proceeds from the Lion Dance donations will be collected by the Red Cross .

The Lion's will be touring around malls receiving donations from vendors and spectators. Traditionally, during the Chinese New Year, feeding money to the Lion's provides good luck and prosperity. However, for this special cause it will indicate care and benevolence for humanity. The Lion Dances will be performed at 3 different locations throughout the weekend. The tour will begin at First Markham Place at 12:30pm in conjunction with Asian Heritage Celebrations which will be kicked off with a parade in attendance by the Secretary of State alongside the Mayor of Markham Frank Scarpitti. The tour will continue the same day with a second appearance at Market Village shopping centre beginning at 3:30pm. On June 1, the dances will begin at Splendid China Tower at 12:30pm.

“The earthquake has had very devastating effects in the area and we wish to support the birthplace of Wushu to the fullest of our abilities. We will greatly appreciate all the support we receive in this event and our best wishes go to the people that have been affected by this tragedy.” – Alan Tang, Wushu Canada.

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