



## **Immigrant Services Calgary and the Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre launch the After School Program for Immigrant Children**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Calgary, AB, Tuesday, January 19, 2010** --- Immigrant Services Calgary is pleased to announce the launch of the **Mosaic After-School** Program in partnership with the Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre. Funded by Family and Community Support Services, City of Calgary, this program that will commence on March 1, 2010 will provide daily after-school activities for immigrant and refugee children between the ages of six to twelve at the Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre.

Many families often lack the resources to provide their children with after-school activities during these critical hours. What children do during these hours can have a great impact on their long-term academic and social development. All children are vulnerable to negative influences, and often benefit from specific programs designed to increase their social and cultural integration. To meet these needs, the Mosaic After-School Program, funded by Family and Community Support Services, City of Calgary, will provide experiences that will enhance the inclusion of participants' in program and recreational activities. This will include: live drama, arts and crafts, music, cooking, sporting games and homework help. The goals of the program are designed to further the children's self-esteem, social engagement and success.

The Memorandum of Understanding will be signed at 3:30 pm on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at the Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre located at 197 First Street SW.

### **ABOUT IMMIGRANT SERVICES CALGARY:**

Immigrant Services Calgary is a comprehensive settlement and integration agency that provides a wide range of programs and services to Calgary's immigrant and refugee population. We are dedicated to ensuring that immigrants and their families have the opportunity to become full participants, as beneficiaries and contributors, in Canadian society. For additional information please visit our website: [www.immigrantservicescalgary.ca](http://www.immigrantservicescalgary.ca)

### **ABOUT THE CALGARY CHINESE CULTURAL CENTRE:**

The mission of the Centre is to establish and maintain unique facilities for the public to promote communication, educational, recreational and cultural activities. Since its grand opening in 1992, the Cultural Centre has remained the focal point for community activities and a premier venue offering a stimulating environment for cultural activities, arts talents and quality programs to the public. For additional information about the Calgary Cultural Centre please visit [www.culturalcentre.ca](http://www.culturalcentre.ca)

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## 卡爾加里移民服務中心與卡城中華文化中心 合作開辦新移民兒童課後活動小組

(新聞稿)

2010年1月19日(星期二) — 卡爾加里移民服務中心宣布與卡城中華文化中心合作開辦 Mosaic 課後活動小組。此課後活動小組由市政府家庭及社區支援服務部資助，將於 2010年3月1日(星期一)正式開始投入服務。項目將為六歲到十二歲的新移民兒童和難民兒童提供每日的課後活動。許多家庭往往缺乏和忽略為成長中的子女提供有益身心的課後活動。孩子們在這關鍵的成長期所學到的，會對他們學術上和社會上的個人發展有很大的影響力。

所有兒童對負面性的影響往往顯得脆弱，而參加有益的課後活動會幫助增強孩子們對社會和文化的融合。為滿足這些需要，由市政府家庭及社區支援服務部資助的 Mosaic 課後活動計劃將為孩子們提供豐富多彩、健康有益的一系列課後活動促進孩子們積極參與、健康成長。課後活動小組的內容主要包括：話劇、藝術和手工藝、音樂、烹飪、體育遊戲和家庭作業輔導等等...我們目標旨在進一步提高孩子們的自尊心、社會參與和成功感。

課程合作協議簽署儀式將於 2010年1月20日(星期三)下午3時30分在位於西南第一街197號卡城中華文化中心內舉行。

卡城移民服務中心是為移民和難民提供移民登陸，落地安家等各種諮詢服務的移民服務機構。我們致力於幫助移民家庭在加國安居樂業。詳細信息請瀏覽我們的網站 [www.immigrantservicescalgary.ca](http://www.immigrantservicescalgary.ca)

卡城中華文化中心是建基於社區的非牟利機構，透過教育、康樂和文化活動，發揚中華文化及多元文化精神。自 1992年中心成立以來，一直致力於為華人和加國不同種族人士提供場地和高素質活動和課程，讓他們認識及欣賞多面體的中國傳統、歷史和文化。詳細信息請瀏覽我們的網站 [www.culturalcentre.ca](http://www.culturalcentre.ca)

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