



### **Message from The Hon Tim Holding MP**

Welcome to the 2009 World Congress of Chinese Medicine.

This event emphasises a commitment to high quality Chinese medicine practice, and will showcase Chinese medicine to the world.

The Victorian State Government recognises that Chinese Medicine is a central aspect of Chinese culture and that more and more Victorians from a non-Chinese background also use this complementary medicine.

Victoria was the first place outside China to establish a Chinese medicine board, providing global leadership in the regulation and support to this growing sector.

Over two days, participants will exchange experiences, knowledge and thoughts, in an endeavour to further understanding of the range and potential of Chinese Medicine.

Multicultural and harmonious Melbourne is the ideal setting for this gathering. This city embraces the unique contribution made to it by the Chinese culture.

I wish you every success at the 2009 World Congress of Chinese Medicine.

### **The Hon Tim Holding MP**

Minister for Water, Minister for Finance, WorkCover and the Transport Accident Commission and Minister for Tourism and Major Events