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MINISTER APPOINTS RETIRED BOX HILL TAFE LECTURER TO ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Minister for Aged Care, Lisa Neville, has appointed retired Box Hill TAFE lecturer, Mr Fred Chuah JP, to the Ministerial Advisory Council of Senior Victorians.

Announcing the 15 members of her Ministerial Advisory Council, Ms Neville said Mr Chuah would bring valuable community experience gained through his long involvement with Melbourne's Chinese community and the Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria.

"Members of the Ministerial Advisory Council of Senior Victorians must have the capacity to consult widely, analyse issues and reflect a range of views and varied life experiences," Ms Neville said.

"The new Council has a balance of experience and skills with seniors representing rural and regional areas, as well as culturally diverse and Indigenous backgrounds.

"I am looking forward to working with Mr Chuah and the Council on the issues that matter to senior Victorians."

The Ministerial Council of Senior Victorians is to be chaired by Merle Mitchell AM, former board member and President of both the Victorian and Australian Councils of Social Service.

The Council is supported by the Office of Senior Victorians within the Department for Victorian Communities.

Ms Neville said members of the Ministerial Advisory Council had been appointed for a three-year term and are selected as individuals not as representatives of specific organisations.

"The ageing of Victoria's population has made the work of the Ministerial Advisory Council even more essential," Ms Neville said.

"The Council was set up in 2001 by the Victorian Government to maintain the focus on the needs of senior Victorians by listening to their views and concerns, engaging with key

stakeholders and consulting peak seniors' organisations.”

More information is available at www.seniors.vic.gov.au or on 03 9208 3877.

Mr Fred Chuah JP, Doncaster: Following a 30 year career within the TAFE sector, Mr Chuah has taken a lead role in the development of the Chinese Community Social Services Centre and associated community programs. Current community connections include the Chinese Community Social Services Centre, On Luck Chinese Nursing Home and Community Chest. Until recently he was a member of the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Cultural and Linguistic Diversity; including its working group on aged care (2002-2006). He was born in Malaysia and speaks Cantonese, Mandarin, Hokkien, Malay and Indonesian.