



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL  
MAYOR

May 15, 2013

Dear Friends:

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, it is my pleasure to welcome all of those gathered to celebrate the Chinese American Librarians Association's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Formed in Chicago in 1973, the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA) has always been dedicated to advancing the field of library science while being a resource for Chinese American librarians. CALA is made up of more than 1,000 librarians who continue to do involved work in numerous communities and within the American Library Association. The Chinese American Librarians Association seeks to promote diversity while advocating for libraries and the profession.

This anniversary presents an opportunity to come together in recognition of the ongoing work of the Chinese American Librarians Association. CALA's continued contribution to the field impacts generations of readers, researchers and library patrons. I recognize the Chinese American Librarians Association for their steadfast commitment to informing and equipping our greater community.

I hope that those visiting our great city take the time to experience some of the special places in Chicago. Our iconic skyline and incredible lakefront invite you to explore all Chicago has to offer. I hope you have a chance to sample our distinguished restaurants, tour our great universities and visit our world-class museums during your stay.

On behalf of the people of Chicago, I welcome you to Chicago and hope you have an informative and enjoyable conference. Best wishes for much continued success.

Sincerely,

Mayor