



MICHAEL S. RAWLINGS
MAYOR



CITY OF DALLAS

Greetings!

On behalf of the City of Dallas and the Dallas City Council, it gives me great pleasure to extend our best wishes for a very successful 2013 DFW Dragon Boat, Kite, and Lantern Festival.

Dallas and its surrounding cities are rich in ethnic and cultural diversity, and the contributions of each community are vital to building a world-class, international region. This celebration honors the many Asian communities and traditions that are present in North Texas. The City of Dallas proudly recognizes the contributions that Asian community members make to our region through cultural, economic, and many other channels. We are truly fortunate to have such active and engaged groups here in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

I hope that you will all enjoy your time in North Texas, and that this year's Dragon Boat Festival is a wonderful celebration. Best wishes for a successful and memorable event!

Best regards,

Michael S. Rawlings
Mayor



Greetings!

On behalf of the City of Plano I extend a welcome to the members of the Marco Polo World Foundation on the annual Dallas-Ft. Worth Dragon Boat, Kite and Lantern Festival. The eagerly anticipated occurrence promotes dragon boating in the Dallas - Ft. Worth region.

The Marco Polo World Foundation is accomplishing its mission to introduce the community to the sport of dragon boat racing and showcasing Asian culture. The Foundation's efforts have resulted in better understanding and acceptance of diversity in the Metroplex. By working with private and public sector partners and community organizations, the annual celebration helps encourage multi-cultural understanding in our community.

We are proud to share a centuries old tradition of camaraderie based on the team building sport of Dragon Boat racing, a sport that originated in China over 2,000 years ago. The other activities - kite flying, lantern display, cultural performances, arts and crafts, and educational activities - will enhance the enjoyment of all participants.

I congratulate the Foundation on organizing this wonderful Festival and offer my heartfelt wishes for a most successful and enjoyable event. We appreciate the important role you continue to play in the betterment of our North Texas region, and it is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Phil Dyer

MAYOR

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