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MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

2009 WORLD CONGRESS OF CHINESE MEDICINE

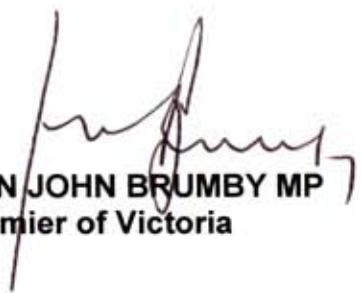
I am pleased to provide my support to the 2009 World Congress of Chinese Medicine, and am delighted that Melbourne is hosting this significant event.

The Victorian health and hospital system is consistently ranked as one of the best in Australia, due in large part to the dedication and expertise of our health care professionals.

In 2000 Victoria became one of the first states in the western world to register Chinese Medicine practitioners. In a further positive development, the profession will be included as a regulated profession within the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme of Health Professionals, due to commence in July 2010.

I welcome all participants to the Congress, and trust that you enjoy the opportunity to share the latest research, and your learnings and experiences.

I extend my very best wishes for a successful event, and wish participants a pleasant stay in Melbourne.



HON JOHN BRUMBY MP
Premier of Victoria