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**Exhibition of Chinese Zodiac Celebrating the Traditional Chinese New Year**

Opening Reception: Sunday January 31, 2016 2:00pm

Exhibition Dates: January 31 - February 28, 2016

The year 2016 is the Year of the Monkey (also the year of *Bingshen*), according to the Chinese lunar calendar. As the Chinese New Year is approaching, Chinese Cultural Center of Greater Vancouver and China's Henan Provincial Bureau of Cultural Heritage will be co-presenting an exhibition entitled Chinese Zodiac Celebrating the Traditional Chinese New Year at the Chinese Cultural Centre Museum during January 31st to February 28th. The 63 bilingual panels of the exhibition illustrate and explain the history of Chinese zodiac animals and traditions. The content is enriched by photos of artifacts excavated in Henan Province such as clay, jade and bronze zodiac animals. This exhibition is entertaining, instructive and family friendly. The exhibition is presented both in English and in Chinese.

Henan Province in China is one of the most important cradles of Chinese culture and has long served as the national political, economic and cultural center. It preserves a host of cultural relics themed on the Chinese zodiac and passes down the zodiac's cultural tradition. From clamshells with designs of dragons and tigers in the Neolithic age, to today's folk custom of uncles sending lamb-shaped food to nephews in the sixth lunar month every year in northern China, all these aspects are embodied by the charm of Chinese zodiac culture.

**Address:** Chinese Cultural Centre Museum  
555 Columbia Street, Vancouver, B.C. Canada V6A 4H5

**Hours:** Tuesday – Sunday 11am – 5pm  
Closed on Mondays and Statutory Holidays

**Admission:** Admission by donation

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