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Waitakere Ethnic Board

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'Meet the New Board' - Networking Event

A networking event 'Meet the New Board' was held on 21 May 2008 in Waitakere City Council attracting some 60 people from the ethnic community including the Chinese, Korean, Indian and other ethnic groups, general public as well as Council officers. The event, which organised by the Waitakere Ethnic Board, was aimed to introduce the newly elected Executive Members to the wider WEB members and friends in the community. With participation from the New Zealand Police Henderson Station, Crime Prevention of Waitakere City Council and Waitakere Victim Support, there were also presentations on domestic violence, neighborhood policing, crime prevention and victim support, which all centred around building a safer community.

The audience enjoyed presentations by Deputy Mayor Penny Hulse and representatives from participating organisations. Throughout the course, audiences actively asked questions that concern them and the community, showing great interest in making Waitakere City a better place to live. Waitakere Victim Support also attracted a number of people registered their interest for becoming a volunteer to serve the community. Vincent Lin from the WEB Executive provided translation for the presentations, which was appreciated by the Chinese migrants.

The WEB Executives introduced themselves individually and networked with the members. A light dinner was served and enjoyed by all. The WEB is encouraged by the successful event, and will continue working with Waitakere City Council, WEB members, wider communities and other organisations to better serve the ethnic community.

The WEB would like to thank Ross Hunter of New Zealand Police, Michael Alofa of Waitakere City Council and Michael Blakely of Waitakere Victim Support for their presentations on building a safer community, and thank all WEB members and every one participated, for their support on this networking event.

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