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Cocktail of cultures at the Académie Culinaire

Over one billion people around the world will get together with their families to celebrate the advent of the year of the pig on February 17 this year. It will be Chinese New Year’s Eve.

With the encouragement of Prime Minister Jean Charest, the Chinese Ambassador Lu Shumin, Minister Lise Thériault and Marcel Tremblay of Montreal City Council, the association *Le Festival de la Culture Chinoise de Montréal* (FCCM) has concocted a celebration which, while remaining authentic, expresses the melange of Chinese and Quebec cultures.

In conjunction with *l’Association des Familles Québec-Asie* (AFQA), *le Festival de la Culture Chinoise de Montréal* is expecting approximately 150 people at the Académie Culinaire on Champ-de-Mars -- Quebec families formed through the adoption of one or more children born in Asia.

During the course of the evening, participants will make *jiaozi* (dumplings or potstickers) with their family members just like Chinese families do, exchange new year greetings in Mandarin and also *Hong Bao* or red envelopes, and discover the legends and customs associated with this greatest of Asian festivals. It will be an opportunity for the families to integrate, alongside their daily Quebec culture, the festive traditions of their children’s birth-culture.

The press is cordially invited to attend this event:

February 17, 2007, 17 h to 21 h
Académie culinaire
360, rue du Champ-de-Mars, Montréal (H2Y 3Z3)

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