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**FRIENDS OF PORTLAND CHINATOWN PROUDLY PRESENTS
“CHINESE NEW YEAR AT CHINATOWN GATE”—
A CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION IN CHINATOWN
ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

Portland, Ore., February 5, 2011 – “*Chinese New Year at Chinatown Gate*”—a celebration of welcoming the arrival of The Year of Rabbit—will take place on Saturday, February 5, 10-11am, on NW 4th Ave. between Burnside & Couch streets in Chinatown.

Friends of Portland Chinatown is proud to present an outdoor celebration at Chinatown Gate featuring lion dance performance by Minh Quang Lion Dance, large group photo shoots (in front of Chinatown Gate) for anyone with Chinese heritage or anyone who wants to be Chinese for a day, a rabbit costume contest for kids & adults (if weather permits), and hot Chinese tea/dessert (tang yuans) for everyone!

“*Chinese New Year at Chinatown Gate*” will take place on the 3rd day of Chinese New Year, which is the largest holiday for the Chinese. Please join Friends of Portland Chinatown in this community event to welcome The Year of Rabbit.

After “*Chinese New Year at Chinatown*”, please visit Lan Su Chinese Garden (239 Northwest Everett Street) for more Chinese New Year celebration. Lan Su Chinese Garden hosts an annual festival for families and children this celebration includes lion dances, martial arts and demonstrations sharing the rich culture and history of Chinese New Year. This two-week celebration (February 3-17) culminates with traditional lantern viewing on February 17. All events (except for the Lantern Viewing on February 17) are free with admission to Lan Su Chinese Garden. For more information, please visit http://www.lansugarden.org/events_classes/chinese_new_year

About Friends of Portland Chinatown (www.pdxchinatown.org)

After over a year of monthly brainstorming sessions on what it takes to revitalize Chinatown, in March 2010, Friends of Portland Chinatown was formally organized. FPC is a group of Asian Americans who share a similar vision and passion for revitalizing Portland Chinatown, with the mission of bringing pedestrian traffic and historical awareness to Chinatown through planning cultural events.

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