MACEDONIAN LEADER RECOGNIZED BY SA GOVERNOR

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At an "Invitation-only" ceremony at Government House, Adelaide, on **Thursday 10 March 2022**, Her Excellency Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia, presented the **2021 Governor's Multicultural Awards** to various individual and organizational recipients.

Hon. Jing Lee MLC, "Assistant Minister to the SA Premier for Multicultural Affairs" together with "Michael Radin, Finalist, 'Outstanding Individual Achievement', SA Governor's 2021 Multicultural Awards."

The Ceremony was held in the impressive grounds of Government House, in the presence of the Hon Premier of SA, Steven Marshall MP, numerous other dignitaries, media, as well as representatives of some of Adelaide's ethnic community groups.

All finalists in the 9 different categories, selected from almost 100 nominees by a jury panel chaired by District Court Judge, Rauf Soulio, himself of Albanian origin, were presented to the invited guests, and each received a special certificate handed out by Governor Adamson on the specially-assembled stage.

The major Award, for "**Outstanding Individual Achievement**" is granted to :

"*An outstanding individual who has distinguished themselves by advancing and promoting multiculturalism, social cohesion and intercultural understanding in South Australia for at least 10 years*."

Well-known Chinese-Malaysian businessman, **George Chin**, was chosen as the recipient of the Award. Equal runner-up amongst the finalists for this category, was **Michael Radin**, a long-term Macedonian and multicultural activist.

Radin stated after the ceremony that "*I am pleased to have been selected as a finalist for this Award, and to be honoured in this regard today by Her Excellency, particularly given the calibre of my esteemed colleagues and fellow-finalists. While I have not passionately pursued my voluntary community work for over 40 years now for the purpose of receiving such recognition, I am nonetheless pleased that in some way my selection may enhance our ongoing campaign for recognition, promotion and protection of our Macedonian identity, culture and rights amongst the broader population in this wonderful multicultural nation, and beyond*."