



On behalf of the City of Irving, its residents and employees, I extend a warm welcome to the attendees of the 2013 Annual DFW Dragon Boat, Kite and Lantern Festival.

Hosted by the Marco Polo World Foundation, the Dragon Boat Festival celebrates the Asian-American community and its culture. The event has been a growing success since its inception in 2007, with more than 50 Dragon Boat teams in this year's race.

The mission of the Marco Polo World Foundation is to bring the unique sport of Dragon Boat racing to the Metroplex, as well as provide the opportunity to share the spectacular Asian culture. I encourage you to take advantage of this wonderful experience and enjoy the wide variety of food, performances and art from this 2,000-year-old tradition.

Once again, welcome to the Dragon Boat Festival. While you're here, feel free to look around Las Colinas, home to 10,000 businesses, including 48 Fortune 500 companies and five Fortune 500 headquarters, and recently voted one of the most affordable, walkable and convenient communities in North Texas.

We hope you soak up the Asian culture from this one-of-a-kind opportunity on Irving's Lake Carolyn.

Enjoy!

Beth Van Duyne
Mayor
City of Irving

