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## Ipswich residents set to celebrate at the Global Fiesta 2010

More than 5000 people from Ipswich and surrounding areas will celebrate Ipswich's cultural diversity at the Global Fiesta 2010 in the Ipswich Mall on Sunday 18 April.

Multicultural Affairs Minister Anastacia Palaszczuk said the annual signature event celebrates the diversity of the Ipswich region while also promoting activities to enhance cultural understanding and acceptance.

"The Global Fiesta has been running since 2000 and is a wonderful way for Ipswich residents to proudly celebrate multiculturalism within their community," she said.

"Festival goers will be treated to a variety of entertainment and activities including cooking demonstrations and food tasting, flamenco and belly dancing, food carving, lantern making, community exhibitions and performances from professional and local groups.

"Events such as the Global Fiesta 2010 help to promote better cultural understanding and contribute to a more cohesive and harmonious society."

Rachel Nolan MP, Member for Ipswich and Minister for Transport, who will be opening the event on Sunday, said that she had strongly supported the event for the past 9 years.

"The Fiesta is always a fantastic event and a great way to celebrate the Ipswich Festival. I encourage the community to come out and enjoy these festivities."

Ms Nolan said the festival provides an opportunity for the Ipswich community to come together in a spirit of celebration to recognise the many nationalities and cultures in the region.

"More than 21,500 people living in Ipswich were born overseas with the most common birthplaces being England, New Zealand, Samoa, Vietnam and Scotland," she said.

"It is truly reflective of how culturally diverse the Ipswich community is when the most common languages spoken other than English are Samoan, Vietnamese, Spanish, German and Dutch.

"The Queensland Government is pleased to contribute \$10,000 towards this year's festival and supports events like this, because they enable Queenslanders to celebrate and acknowledge the wonderful diversity of our communities."

The Global Fiesta 2010 will start at 11 am at D'Arcy Doyle Place, Ipswich Mall on Sunday 18 April.

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