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Dear Friends:

Please accept my warm congratulations on the occasion of the Inter-Cultural Social & Education Services annual dinner. The chosen theme for this evening's event, "Celebrating the Greatness of Diversity," perfectly captures the spirit of your organization and the essence of life in Southern California.

As many of you are aware, seniors immigrating to this country face tremendous cultural and linguistic barriers. At the same time, there are not many avenues available to assist them to cope with this often dire situation.

In an act of extraordinary foresight and sensitivity, Dr. Samuel Chung, Vanessa Ma, and Elizabeth Wong formed an organization in 2003 dedicated to meeting this need within the Chinese community. Today ISESI provides an aging population that speaks little or no English with vital information in Chinese on health care, educational opportunities, human services, and non-profit organizations.

Thanks to your efforts, seniors are better equipped to adapt to their new homeland. And with assimilation comes a narrowing of the cultural gap between older, recent arrivals and younger Chinese. In this way, ISESI helps to unify the wider community.

I also want to salute this evening's master of ceremonies, George Cheung, who has acted in more than 150 films and television productions in the United States and Asia. It is very generous of Mr. Cheung to volunteer his time for this evening's event.

Again, congratulations on the success of ISESI. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'John Chiang'.

**JOHN CHIANG**  
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