

## **Vancouver's Biggest 2010 Chinese New Year Celebration Announcing the Edgewater Casino Celebration Village**

**Vancouver, BC (December 15, 2009)** – The Edgewater Casino announces a 2010 Chinese New Year celebration of monumental proportions, 17 days of traditional festivities, hosted by 120 food and shopping vendors. The “Edgewater Casino Celebration Village” will take place daily in the Plaza of Nations from February 12 – 28, 2010.

This unprecedented event will honor the Year of the Tiger and all the Chinese New Year traditions. Visitors will enjoy the harbourside views of the Plaza of Nations, while they are immersed in a sea of colours, dragons, and authentic education in Chinese heritage. It will attract locals and tourists from around the world who are all ready to experience the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games. The Edgewater Casino Celebration Village expects to draw approximately 30,000 people daily.

“One of our goals is to bring to the community the opportunity for local businesses to present their goods and services in the downtown corridor which will be a hub of activity during the 2010 Winter Games,” said Paul Ahluwalia, Vice President and GM of Edgewater Casino. “The Edgewater Casino will facilitate an upscale marketplace to showcase a variety of entertainment and artisan offerings that will represent an important part of Vancouver’s culture.”

Admission to the Village is free, and nightly entertainment will include the likes of the famous Chinese Lion Dance, Chinese Kung Fu performances; to live bands and Japanese and Korean Martial Arts performances. Vendors will include 40 food and 80 merchandise booths featuring ethnic delicacies, artisans, services, and souvenirs. To commemorate Vancouver’s biggest 2010 Chinese New Year holiday the Edgewater Casino Celebration Village will also be giving away thousands of Year of the Tiger lucky souvenirs.

As the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games fast approach, Edgewater is preparing to welcome the world to Vancouver and offer world-class entertainment, such as this cultural event to celebrate Chinese New Years.

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**About Edgewater Casino** [www.edgewatercasino.ca](http://www.edgewatercasino.ca)

Edgewater Casino is Vancouver’s premier downtown casino, located on the Plaza of Nation’s waterfront shores. Sophisticated table games such as Baccarat, Roulette, and Blackjack or the fast-paced action of over 500 slot machines ensures there is something for every level of player. Recognized as a world-class entertainment destination and industry leader in customer service; Edgewater provides its guests with the ultimate dynamic gaming experience 24 hours, 7 days a week.

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