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### INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN RANG BARSE HOLI MELA 2010

We are honoured to invite you & your group to participate in our association’s Holi Mela. This is to be held at the Trusts Stadium (Grounds), Central Park Drive in Henderson on Sunday 14th March 2010, commencing at 12pm and finishing at 7.30pm.

Holi is a festival of colours where we sing hymns to the accompaniment of drum and cymbals, and generally involve in other singing and dancing to celebrate victory of good over evil. The colours or rang signify that we all are equal. Increasingly like Diwali, Holi has also developed as a social event.

This years celebrations will also mark the Race Relations Day. Celebrating the festival of colours in our diversely cultural city is seen as a way to continue building better relations with the community. While New Zealanders of varied cultural background and ethnicity lived and worked together, there was little opportunity for them to witness and understand each others culture and heritage. Events such as this play an important part in bringing disparate people together, a process that is so necessary in today’s world.

We also wish to advise you to come suitably dressed as we will play gulaal (coloured powder) and rang and you are advised to bring special seat covers to prevent your vehicle seats staining. We also recommend you to bring along a change of clothes.

We need YOUR contribution to make this years festival even bigger and better. We believe that your participating in this event will further enhance the celebrations.

If you are interested to perform please fill in and return the attached application form. Please include as much information as you can and return form ASAP.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,  
Manoj Tahal  
President

