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INTRODUCING VICTORIA'S NEW STATE DIRECTOR FOR IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP

JOSE ALVAREZ



Jose Alvarez is Victoria's new State Director for Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC). Jose has a distinguished career with DIAC having held posts overseas and in Western Australia and more recently in NSW.

Community Languages Australia (CLA) Executive Director Stefan Romaniw met with the new Director, yesterday January 19, 2009 in Melbourne to provide some background information on community languages schools sector nationally and in Victoria and provided him with copy of number of publications.

Also present at meeting was Leah Nichles, Director, Settlement and Multicultural Affairs.

The new Director indicated his strong support for linguistic and cultural maintenance and looks forward to working with the community languages schools sector.

He also advised that if there were issues he would raise them with the:

Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs, Laurie Ferguson who has a long and strong relationship with the community languages schools sector

The Australian Federation of Ethnic Schools Associations - Community Languages Australia wish Jose well in his new role and look forward to a strong working relationship.

Photo Leah Nichles, Jose Alvarez, Stefan Romaniw