

## **CCOEI congratulates Bwe Thay on his appointment as VMC Deputy Chair**

The Victorian Government has appointed community leader Bwe Thay as the new Deputy Chair of the Victorian Multicultural Commission. As Deputy Chair, Bwe Thay will support Chair Vivienne Nguyen in steering the Commission and working to identify and address issues faced by Victoria's multicultural and multi-faith communities.



CCOEI President Mr. Sui Ting Tse said "On behalf of CCOEI, I convey our warmest congratulations and best wishes to Bwe Thay on his appointment as Deputy Multicultural Commissioner. Bwe will be a very great asset to the Commission".

Mr. Bwe Thay, a refugee who arrived in Australia in 2009, rebuilt his life with lots of hard work and dedication. His passion and love for the community has made him a strong advocate of people from diverse backgrounds. He has a long history of holding leadership roles in the multicultural sector, with his focus on education and career pathways, helping to improve participation outcomes for new and emerging communities.

He has an association of over 10 years with Swinburne University and currently holds the position of Migrant Program Coordinator and Staff Club President. He has been serving as a VMC Commissioner since September last year and has been a member of the VMC Eastern Metropolitan Regional Advisory Council since 2017. He joined CCOEI in 2015, won a seat on the CCOEI Committee of Management in 2016 and has been Vice President since 2017.

Bwe is well known in the community for his many contributions, including the My Choice My Life event held at Swinburne in November 2015. The event was held in partnership with many community agencies. It had a part expo and part workshop format with the participation of over 300 migrant students. Since then, further events were run using the same successful format.

Bwe has been recognized with a number of community and academic awards, including the VMC Emerging Leadership in Multiculturalism Award in 2018.

Congratulations Bwe! We are blessed to be associated with you. We wish you success in all your future endeavours.