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Thousands expected at ANZ Migrant Expo

The popular expo created to help migrants successfully settle in New Zealand is back for a sixth year.

To be held at The Cloud on Auckland's waterfront on Saturday, 16 June, the 2018 ANZ Migrant Expo will focus on helping migrants understand New Zealand's education system, employment, living and the community support offerings available.

The ANZ Migrant Expo started in 2013 with 12 exhibitors. This year, the full-day Expo has grown to include more than 70 stalls, eight educational seminars and seven cultural performances, with organisers expecting more than 10,000 visitors.

Seeds of success

Lyla Chia Lin-Lee moved to New Zealand from Taiwan in 2016, knowing little about the culture, the work environment or the public services available. An Inter-bank Trading Broker in Taiwan, she'd recently married a Kiwi and was looking forward to starting her new life in New Zealand.

Eventually finding work in Trade Support on Auckland's North Shore, Ms Lin-Lee credits her professional success in New Zealand to the ANZ Migrant Expo.

"Initially I found settling into New Zealand culture quite tough; everything was different to what I knew. But, the ANZ Expo was life-changing," Ms Lin-Lee said.

"Access to every service you need is right there under one roof. I spoke to human resources professionals who helped me update my CV to be attractive for the local market, I met with Chinese community groups, I made friends with other recent migrants, and I learnt about the local public services available."

Jack Hou, ANZ Head of Migrant and Auckland Asian Banking, said the ANZ Migrant Expo was created to help new New Zealanders like Ms Lin-Lee access practical advice and public services as they settle into life in Aotearoa.

"Migration has almost doubled since 2014 and as a result we're seeing more demand for migrant services. At ANZ we understand the complexities of moving to a foreign country, and the courage it requires. There are practical tasks such as acquiring housing, IRD numbers and jobs, alongside understanding new customs which can be daunting – especially if you don't speak the language," Mr Hou said.

"The Expo is for anyone wanting to progress here in New Zealand – whether they have recently immigrated or lived here their whole lives. We are proud to partner with experts from government agencies and community groups bringing them together in one place to benefit a range of New Zealanders."

Admission to the 2018 ANZ Migrant Expo at The Cloud is free.

2018 ANZ Migrant Expo:

Date: Saturday, 16 June
Time: 10.00am - 4.30pm
Venue: The Cloud, Queens Wharf, Auckland
Admission: Free

There will be eight seminars and more than 70 stalls at this year's ANZ Migrant Expo.

ANZ Migrant Expo exhibitors include: Employment NZ, Immigration NZ, Inland Revenue Department, NZ Police, New Zealand Indian Central Association, Vodafone, Air New Zealand, and Chinese New Settlers Services Foundation.

There will also be a range of cultural performances and family-friendly activities.

Full event details are available at anzmigrantexpo.co.nz

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