

2008 Awards Presentation Honours  
Chinese Canadian Entrepreneurs

Markham, ON Saturday April 5, 2008 – This evening, the Association of Chinese Canadian Entrepreneurs (ACCE), in association with the Centennial College Centre of Entrepreneurship, the Ontario Ministry of Small Business and Entrepreneurship, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Ming Pao Daily News, and the Canadian Federation of Independent Business honoured outstanding Chinese Canadian entrepreneurs from across Canada in eight categories. The co-chairs of this year's event are Mr. Norman Morris, Director, International Affairs, Rogers Publishing Ltd Ms. Catherine Swift, Chairwoman of Canadian Federation of Independent Business, and Ms. Joanna Lo, President of the ACCE.

"Tonight we take great pleasure in continuing to recognize and honour the outstanding individuals and their companies that highlight the contributions Chinese-Canadians are making to their local communities and Canada. This year we would also like to recognize a truly outstanding individual (Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta Norman Kwong) who has bridged business entrepreneurship and community spirit to the 3rd ACCE Lifetime Achievement Award," said Norman Morris of Rogers Publishing. The Awards Presentation Gala provides a platform for recognizing Chinese Canadians who have started their businesses and contributed to Canada at large. Most important of all, we hope this will foster the spirit of entrepreneurship, innovation and corporate citizenship. By hosting this event since 1997, we help to promote entrepreneurship amongst Chinese Canadians and provide positive reinforcement for aspiring entrepreneurs. This year, we are proud to present the Lifetime Achievement Award, sponsored by the RBC Financial Group, to the Honourable Norman Kwong, athlete extraordinaire and now the 16<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant-Governor of the Alberta.

Receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2008 Association of Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards, the Lieutenant-Governor used a football analogy to encourage the gala attendees. "It is how quickly you shake your tackles and get up on your feet. When you get down and out, it means you get up and try again," Kwong said.

Mr. John Man Director Asian Business Banking, Ontario RBC Financial Group will present this award.

The Awards given are as follows:

(Please refer to the appended sheet for the list of winners)

1. Lifetime Achievement Award : Sponsored by RBC Financial Group
2. Entrepreneur of the Year : Sponsored by TD Canada Trust
3. Best Start-Up : Sponsored by Delotte & Touche LLP
4. Most Innovative : Sponsored by IBM Canada Ltd.
5. Most Progressive : Sponsored by Rogers Wireless
6. Best Community Service : Sponsored by Ming Pao Daily News
7. Award of Merit : Sponsored by Ministry of Small Business & Entrepreneurship
8. Best International Business : Sponsored by Export Development Canada

"ACCE actively promotes entrepreneurship and social responsibility. Our pioneers have paved the way and set great examples for us. We are proud to see the continuous success of Chinese Canadians in business. Being successful entrepreneurs, they do not forget to contribute back to the community," said Joanna Lo, President of the ACCE.

The ACCE's mission is to encourage entrepreneurship and to strengthen competitiveness of Chinese Canadian businesses in the global market. It also seeks to assist Chinese Canadians in developing new businesses by sharing their expertise through quality training and mutual support, and to provide a network for members to share resources, organize seminars, workshops, conferences and special programs on relevant business topics. The ACCE also assists in facilitating communication between government officials and new businesses.

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2008 ACCE Award Winners (from L to R): Kevin Wong, David Young, Gordon Chan, Charles Jiang, Hon. Norman Kwong, Her Honour Mary Kwong, Elliott Tse, Alice Tang, Jeff Lem, and Sunny Chang.

#### List of 2008 ACCE Award Winners

Lifetime Achievement Award: Hon. Norman Kwong, Lt. Gov. of Alberta

[www.lieutenantgovernor.ab.ca](http://www.lieutenantgovernor.ab.ca)

Entrepreneur of the Year Award: Canada Computers – Gordon Chan

[www.canadacomputers.com](http://www.canadacomputers.com)

Best International Business Award: KingTiger Technology (Canada) Inc.– Sunny Chang

[www.kingtigertech.com](http://www.kingtigertech.com)

Award of Merit: Q Data Inc. – Jeff Lem

[www.qdatainc.com](http://www.qdatainc.com)

Best Community Service Award: Times Physiotherapy and Rehab Centre – Elliott Tse and Alice Tang

[www.timesphysiotherapy.com](http://www.timesphysiotherapy.com)

Most Progressive Award: Chimax Inc. – Kevin Wong

[www.chimax.ca](http://www.chimax.ca)

Most Innovative Award: Arius Research Inc. – David Young

[www.ariusmabs.com](http://www.ariusmabs.com)

Best Start-up Award: Queen Financial Group Inc. – Charles Jiang

[www.queenfinancial.com](http://www.queenfinancial.com)