

Message From The President

Ever since winning the ACCE Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 2005, I have been actively serving the association as Vice President for Association Development and Chair of the Winners Club. I have learned from many of the past presidents, winners and directors, that the spirit of giving back to the community is important and sets a role model for the rest of us to follow. I shall also apply my philosophy of the 5 F's culture (Fast, Focus, Flexible, Friendliness and Fun) and bring the association to the next level.

I am honoured to be elected the President of the Association in September 2008. I am indeed fortunate to have many fellow directors of the board who are outstanding professionals in their own right, very experienced and full of passion, to serve the association alongside with me. Our mission is to promote entrepreneurship in the Chinese Canadian community, to recognize the contribution of Chinese Canadian Entrepreneurs, to encourage new business start-ups and to promote social responsibilities.

The Association has achieved many milestones especially in the spirit of entrepreneurship through organizing seminars, workshops, conferences, golf tournaments, business forums, CEO receptions and other special networking programs. These events have attracted many new members in all categories, be they corporate, individual, or youth. One of the Association's long-term goals is the development of young entrepreneurs through special programs.

This coming year, the Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards Gala will be held on 4th April at the Hilton Suite Hotel, Markham. This signature event recognizes the excellence and the achievements of Chinese entrepreneurs in the community.

It is at this wonderful time of the year that I would like to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all our members, sponsors, the business community, judging panel, the media and the government. As well, the hard work by our dedicated volunteers must also be acknowledged.

To all my directors, we know that balancing the demands of family, career and volunteering at ACCE is never easy, but it appears that many of your family members are already great supporters. Please extend our sincere thanks to all your family members that had supported you throughout the whole year and I hope that you will be able to spend more time with them during this festive period.

We look forward to working with you. So, please join me to serve for the best interest of entrepreneurs in our community, and share with me my vision for the future of the Association.

May your holidays be filled with joy and the coming year be overflowing with all the good things in life.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Gong Hei Fa Choi!



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Past Events And Activities

The ACCE Golf Classic 2008 was rescheduled on **September 10** at Agnes Glen Golf Course due to the thunder storm and heavy rain on July 23. Finally we had a perfect day as it was sunny with a nice warm breeze. Dinner was held at the club house of Agnes Glen, all 120 golfers plus some non-golfers joined us for the dinner. Games and lucky draws were a must and everyone got excited with the "bingo". Almost every guest of the night got a gift to bring back home.

Here are the various winners of the tournament:

Champions: Gin Siow, Steve Kane, Stephen Siu & Sert Chan

1st Runner Up: Michael Keaveney, Faizul Hassan,
Dr. Kan Hai & Mark Kan Hai

2nd Runner Up: Claude Mattioli, Earl Fritz, Louis Foong &
Mark Dottori

Men's Longest Drive: Sert Chan

Ladies Longest Drive: Alice Yeung

Men's Closest to the Pin: Lex Abernethy

Ladies Closest to the Pin: Judy Lee

Closest to the Pin: Tom Horsley



▲ ACCE Golf Classic 2008 Champion: (from left) Stephen Siu, Sert Chan, representative from Walton Gorup, Gin Siow & Steve Kane.



▲ ACCE Golf Classic Gold sponsor Stephen Bald (left one) of BDC presented trophies to 1st runner up team TD Mutual Funds.



▲ ACCE Golf Classic 2008 at Agnes Glen Golf Course.

The 2008 Annual General Meeting was held on **September 24, 2008** at Diamond Banquet Hall. Joanna Lo shared our successes of many events this year. New members of the Board were introduced including Kam Ko, Adrian Cheung, Karen Nguyen and Elliot Tse; and legal counsel, Teresa Cheung. It was decided that the networking event will now be the second-to-last Thursday of every month.



▲ New Board of directors: Kam Ko (Back row left six), Adrian Cheung (Back row left four), Karen Nguyen (Front row left six), Elliot Tse (Front row left seven); and legal counsel, Teresa Cheung (Front row left four).



▲ Guests, directors and members at annual general meeting.

The 13th Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards media conference was held on **October 9, 2008** at the Ontario Investment and Trade Centre at downtown Toronto. The media conference officially kicked off the nomination process for eight Awards. The deadline for nomination was December 1. We welcomed Mr. Gordon Chan, president of Canada Computers, the winner of 2008 Entrepreneur of the Year to express his feelings and the impact to his business after he received the Award and Gordon also encouraged nominations for 2009 CCEA.

ACCE was in partnership with CPAC (Chinese Professionals Association of Canada), TESTT (Taiwan Entrepreneurs Society Taipei/Toronto) and BMO (Bank of Montreal) the organizer of the "Business & Entrepreneur Symposium" on **October 25** at BMO Institute for Learning. The event was informative and was well attended with over 200 attendees.

October featured our monthly "Networking to Learn Seminar" on **October 29** at The Brilliant Chinese Restaurant. Thank you to our new legal counsel, Ms. Teresa Cheung who spoke to us on the topic of the importance of protecting intangible business assets: trademarks and trade secrets.

The ACCE Winners' Club reunion was held on **November 6** at Casa Victoria, Markham. The members of the Winners' Club mainly consist of past and future winners of the Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards (CCEA). With 12 years history of the CCEA, we have over 80 winners. In this reunion, we were pleased to see over 60 past winners, together with invited guests, some who knew each other already and some who were new to each other. It was a good mix with common ground. With an interesting topic delivered by the sponsor of the night, Walton Capital Management, we all knew a "New" opportunity for investment.



▲ 2009 CCEA Media Conference.



▲ Guests and organisers at BMO Bank of Montreal Business & Entrepreneur Symposium.



▲ ACCE legal counsel Ms. Teresa Cheung at our October's monthly networking.



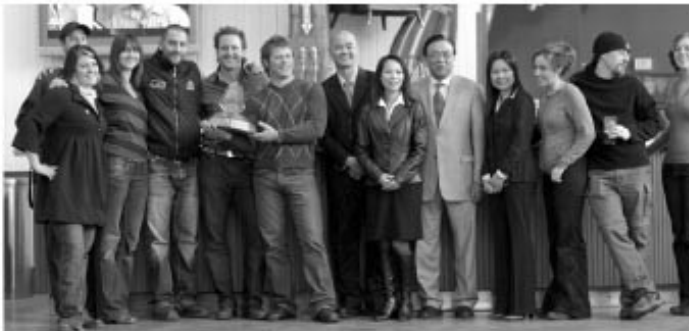
▲ ACCE president Royson Ng presents certificate to speaker Mr. Vernier Tao (right) at our November's monthly networking.



▲ ACCE Winners' Club reunion in November, sponsored by Walton Capital Management.

One of ACCE's jobs is to provide a link between governments and entrepreneurs. At the monthly networking that was held on **November 20** at The Brilliant Chinese Restaurant, we brought a representative from Ontario government to talk to us. Mr. Vernier Tao, Senior Business Advisor, Business Advisory Services, Ministry of Small Business and Consumer Services informed the gathering on how to access funds from the Ontario Government.

It is ACCE's honour to be the sponsor for the ACCE Campbell's Foodservice Award presented by Cambridge Food & Wine Society. The Award honours and recognizes "Canadian entrepreneurs who have achieved high levels of success and awarded in the spirit of bridging the Asian and non-Asian communities". The 2008 ACCE Campbell's Foodservice Award was presented on **November 21** at the head office of Steam Whistle Brewing. The recipients were Mr. Cam Heaps and Mr. Greg Taylor, Co-Founders of Steam Whistle Brewing.



▲ The 2008 ACCE Campbell's Foodservices Award winner Steam Whistle Brewing. The recipients are Mr. Cam Heaps (left four) and Mr. Greg Taylor (left five).



▲ Markham Small Business Forum 2008.



▲ Steering committee members of the 2009 Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards.



▲ ACCE Golf Classic 2008 silver sponsor, Francis Wat (left four) of Tai Pan Tours presented trophies to 2nd runner up team The Alea Group.



▲ BMO Bank of Montreal Business & Entrepreneur Symposium media conference.



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Upcoming Events Highlight

In celebrating the year of the Ox, the **ACCE Chinese New Year Celebration Dinner** will be held on **February 5, 2009** at Casa Victoria. This year is the first year we celebrate Chinese New Year with sit down dinner. As in prior years, we only charge a minimal entry fee to members. There are games and lucky draws as usual. We would like to have members join together in our expanding networking festivities. Please watch out for our email or visit our website for more detail information in mid-January. Seats are limited, so please reserve your seat as soon as invitations arrive.

To follow up our November networking topic about funding provided by the Ontario government, on **February 10, 2009 a workshop for SMART program created by Canadian Manufacturers & Exporters (CME)** will be held jointly by ACCE, Markham Board of Trade and the Ministry of Small Business and Services. The SMART program assists small and medium-sized manufacturers in Ontario to improve productivity so they can compete more effectively in the global economy. The workshop helps companies to understand more about the program and assist companies to apply for the various available funding. Details will be available in early January by email to members and posted on our website.

A **"Business Forum & Workshop"** by Microsoft will be held on **February 19, 2009**. Please watch out for the details on our website at www.acce.ca.

The next **"Networking to Learn Seminar"** will be held on **March 19, 2009**, the 2nd last Thursday of the month. The topic for the March networking night will be emailed to members and also posted on our website when details are available.

The **Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards Gala 2009** will be held on **April 4, 2009** at Hilton Suite, Markham. Details are posted on our website. We still welcome sponsors for the event. Awards night ticket is priced at \$168. Please reserve your tickets by calling our awards hotline 905-479-2802, or send an email to awards@acce.ca.

ACCE in the Community



▲ Enterprise Toronto Small Business Forum 2008 press conference.



▲ Markham Board of Trade Business Excellence Awards Gala.



▲ Award winner Jane Ip, her new perfume launch autograph signing event.



▲ Toronto Zhong Hua Men Archway fundraising press conference.

ACCE in the Community



▲ HKETO breakfast seminar with Secretary for Education of HKSAR, Mr. Michael Suen.



▲ Award winner Tai Pan Tours new office grand opening.

Photos Album




▲ Winners' Club CEO reception sponsored by BDC in May.




▲ 2008 Business Forum for Entrepreneurs.

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▲Appreciation plaque presentation to 2008 CCEA major sponsors.



▲2008 business forum title sponsor Kevin Fernier (left one) of Fedex.



▲ACCE November's monthly networking group picture after dinner.



▲Gordon Chan, president of Canada Computers, spoke at 2009 CCEA media conference.



▲All directors, members and guests at appreciation dinner 2008 at Diamond Banquet Hall..



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