

On behalf of the Board of Directors of ACCE, I wish to extend my warmest and most sincere wishes to you for the upcoming holiday season.

Message

from the President



Since the last edition of Entrepreneur News, there has been no shortage of exciting activities, programs and events within ACCE. One of our most popular events, the ACCE Annual Golf Classic, was held on July 11, 2013 at Angus Glen Golf and Country Club. The many members, sponsors and attendees thoroughly enjoyed a day on the links on a beautiful sunny day, followed by networking and prize draws and dinner in the clubhouse.

On September 19, 2013, our Annual General Meeting was held along with a special Appreciation Dinner for our sponsors and volunteers. I want to welcome the Directors who were elected to our Board of Directors at the meeting. I look forward to working with this team in my final year as President of ACCE. It is worthwhile to note that two of the new directors are past ACCE Award winners: William Cheng of Premier Candle and Ambrose Choy of Simply Good Technologies.

The Mainland Initiative Committee was also quite active in hosting four very successful events. On the evening of August 9, 2013, entrepreneurs were treated to a delightful boat cruise on the Toronto harbour. Shortly thereafter, we got down to business on August 11, 2013 with our second Business Forum where three successful entrepreneurs with Mainland Chinese background shared their unique and inspiring success stories along with interesting anecdotes. Two further educational events were held more recently on November 16 and 17, 2013 entitled "Business Planning Seminar" and the "Mainland CEO Club Seminar". I was so happy to meet many new friends and members at these events which are part of ACCE's Mainland Initiative.

Another exciting initiative that commenced during my term was the expansion of our Association to the West Coast. On October 17, 2013, ACCE held its third annual West Coast Gala at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel in Vancouver. The event was an overwhelming success and was attended by over 200 guests, comprising of government officials from various levels of government, as well leaders from the Chinese Canadian business community in British Columbia.

In addition to the above, we also held several other networking and educational events, including the third Business Forum of this year entitled "Resources for Entrepreneurs" held on September 29, 2013, where nine guest speakers shared their expertise on a myriad of important business topics ranging from the latest immigration programs to obtaining grants and loans.

Looking ahead, our annual Christmas Celebration will be held on December 5, 2013; after which the Chinese New Year Celebration will be held on February 4, 2014. In the fine tradition of ACCE, we will be celebrating these occasions with fun, entertainment, music, food, and drink. I look forward to seeing you at these celebrations.

Last but not least, the planning and coordination of our annual signature event, the ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards is in full gear. The 2014 ACCE Awards Gala will be the 18th annual event, and will be held on March 29, 2014 at the Markham Hilton Suites. On this evening, the very best in entrepreneurship in the Chinese Canadian community from coast to coast will be recognized and honoured. I hope you have already submitted your nominations of deserving entrepreneurs for these awards.

It goes without saying that none of these events will be possible without the generous and continuous assistance of our sponsors, volunteers, directors, advisors and staff. I want to thank each of them for their contributions for making every one of our events a success.

Again, I want to wish everyone the very best for the holidays season, and a very happy, healthy, and prosperous 2014.

Alan Kwong
 President



2013 ACCE West Coast Gala (From left): Chan Hon Goh, Principal by Chan Hon Goh; Wally Mah, North Ridge Development Corporation; Fan Chun, Dr. Battery; David Lee Kwen, Misty Mountain Specialties; Alan Kwong, President of ACCE; The Hon. Teresa Wat, Minister of International Trade and Minister Responsible for the Asia Pacific Strategy and Multiculturalism; Emmie Leung, Emterra Group; Jordan Deng, CIK Telecom Inc. and Ellen Liu, Triumph Express Service Canada Inc.



▲ The 2013 ACCE Golf Classic was held on July 11, 2013 at Angus Glen Golf Course. The winners of the tournament are as follows: 1st Place Team: Jeffrey Shek, Dan Yiu, Bill Hood & Raymond Wang; 2nd Place Team: Jeffrey Sum, Bonnie Tan, Allan Levy & Andrew Lee; 3rd Place Team: Allan Sum, Kelvin Sy, Benson Sy & Kit Wong; Men's Longest Drive: Charles Grant; Ladies Longest Drive: Stephanie Ho; Men's Closest to the Pin: Mike Hergott & Phil Bettinson; Ladies Closest to the Pin: Amanda Yeung Collucci.



▲ Alan Kwong, President of ACCE (middle) presented trophies to 1st place Team members: (from left) Jeffrey Shek, Dan Yiu, Raymond Wang & Bill Hood.



▲ 2nd Place Team: (from left) Allan Levy, Andrew Lee & Jeffrey Sum.



▲ 3rd Place Team: (from left) Kit Wong, Allan Sum & Benson Sy.



▲ 2013 ACCE Chinese Entrepreneurs Gathering: Summer Night Cruise was held on August 9, 2013. (From left) Consul General Fang Li, Alan Kwong, Karen Ng, Songnian Zhou, David Wu of BDC, Stan Yu and David Yan.



▲ Sponsor, speakers, VIP guests, ACCE directors and ACCE Mainland Initiative Committee members at 2013 ACCE Business Forum for Mainland Chinese held on August 11, 2013. (Left 6) Hon. Victor Oh, Senator of Canada; (Right 2 & 3) Dr. Songnian Zhou, Chair of Mainland Initiative Committee; Albrey Yeung, Director, AsiaMarkets, Multicultural Banking of Scotiabank.



▲ 2013 ACCE Annual General Meeting & Appreciation Dinner was held on September 19, 2013. Alan Kwong presented appreciation plaques to major sponsors.



▲ Alan Kwong presented appreciation certificates to volunteers.



▲ Speakers and ACCE directors at 2013 ACCE Business Forum: Resources for Entrepreneurs held on September 29, 2013. (Front row, left 3 to 5 & 8) David Hearn, Scitax Advisory / Cadesky Company; Terry Mocherniak, York Angel Investors; Natalie Cockburn, Business Immigration Branch, Ontario Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Employment, Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation; Tina Woo, BDC. (Back row, left 3 to 7) Vernier Tao, Ontario Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Employment, Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation; Jason Li, Enterprise Toronto; Paul Rivett, ventureLAB; Angelo Del Duca, National Research Council Canada; Daniel Kao, ACCES Employment.

▲ 2014 ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards major sponsors representatives and President of ACCE. (From left): John Knotek, BMO Bank of Montreal; Stephen Bald, BDC; Kitty Iu, TD Canada Trust; Judy Lee, RBC Royal Bank; Alan Kwong, ACCE; Gloria Lo, Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office (Canada); Nigel B. Davis, HSBC Bank Canada.



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▲ Media conference to mark the official kick off for nominations for the 2014 ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards was held on October 8, 2013 at the Ontario Investment and Trade Centre.



ACCE President Alan Kwong presented ACCE 1st West Coast Scholarship to Monique Wong, 4th year accounting student, Sauder School of Business, University of British Columbia.

The 2013 ACCE Mainland Chinese CEO Club Seminar was held on November 17, 2013. Mentors of ACCE mentorship program with Dr. Songnian Zhou.



▲ Title sponsor representative Mr. Ananth Krishnan, Head of Business Development - Western Canada Global Trade & Receivables Finance, HSBC Bank Canada; presented a welcome speech at 2013 ACCE West Coast Gala.



▲ All sponsors, committee members and ACCE President at 2013 ACCE West Coast Gala held on October 17, 2013. (Back row, left 2, 4): Ellen Liu, Triumph Express Service Canada Inc.; Fan Chun, Dr. Battery. (Front row, left 3, 6): Ananth Krishnan, HSBC Bank Canada; Catherine Yuen, HKETO.



▲ 2013 ACCE Chinese Speaking Business Planning Seminar was held on November 16, 2013 at Welcome Centre - Markham North, Markham. (From left): Songnian Zhou, Michael Li, Bryan Wang, Jason Li, Alan Kwong and Karen Ng.

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▲ 2013-2014 ACCE Advisors and directors: (Front row from left): Karen Ng, Amanda Yeung Collucci, Alan Kwong, Irwin Li and Joanna Lo. (Middle row from left): Jeffrey Kang, Kam Ko, Kitty Iu, Fred Lai, Andy Yap, Edmund Tin and Phoebe Chow. (Back row 1-2 and 4-6): Edward Hiew, Wilbert Lai, Royson Ng, Ambrose Choy and Jeffrey Shek.



▲ The ACCE Networking to Learn Seminar – “How to Brand Yourself for Business Success” was held on November 27, 2013. ACCE Directors with keynote speaker, Cher Jones (Left 7).

Events Calendar

Date:

Venue:

Tuesday, February 4, 2014

ACCE Chinese New Year Party at Diamond Banquet Hall

Thursday, February 13, 2014

ACCE “Networking to Learn Seminar”

Saturday, March 29, 2014

2014 ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards Gala

Thursday, June 26, 2014

2014 ACCE Golf Classic at The Mandarin Golf & Country Club, Markham, ON

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