

Since the last edition of Entrepreneur News, we have seen a change of seasons and even a change in government. First and foremost, I wish to congratulate one of our members, Majid Jowhari, for being elected as the MP of Richmond Hill. I look forward to building strong ties with him and the newly-elected Liberal government in the years to come.

Message from the President

As you'll see, there was no shortage of news and events here at ACCE. One of our most popular events, the ACCE Annual Golf Classic, was held on September 17, 2015 at the beautiful Bayview Golf and Country Club. The many members, sponsors and attendees were treated to a beautiful and sunny day on the links, followed by networking and prize draws and dinner in the clubhouse.

Soon thereafter, our Annual General Meeting was held on September 30, 2015 at the Mandarin Golf & Country Club. I especially wish to welcome the newly-elected Directors to the Board, and look forward to working with this outstanding team.

Another exciting event took place on October 8, 2015 when we held the 5th Annual ACCE West Coast Gala at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel in Vancouver. The event was an overwhelming success and was attended by over 300 guests, comprising of government officials from various levels of government and leaders from the Chinese Canadian business community in British Columbia. I especially wish to thank Toby Chu, winner of the 2015 ACCE Entrepreneur of the Year Award, and his team for spearheading this event and for his generous hospitality to the Toronto board members during our stay in Vancouver.



Irwin Li
President

In addition to the above, we also held several networking and educational events, including Networking Luncheons on July 9, 2015 and November 13, 2015 on the topics of "Turning Raw Ideas into Powerful Results" and "Staging Yourself and Your Business". We also partnered with the Hong Kong Canada Business Association to present the 7th Annual Markham Business Networking Morning Workshop on September 29, 2015. The Mainland Initiative Committee also held an educational seminar on October 25, 2015 on the topic of "Business Etiquette".

Looking ahead, our annual Christmas Celebration and Chinese New Year Celebration will take place on December 9, 2015 and February 17, 2016, respectively. In the fine tradition of ACCE, we will be celebrating these occasions with ample entertainment, music, food, and drink. I look forward to seeing you at these celebrations. Please book your tickets early as these events are usually sold out in advance.

Last but not least, the planning and coordination of our annual signature event, the ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards is in high gear. The 2016 ACCE Awards Gala mark the 20th anniversary of this event, and will be held on April 2, 2016 at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel. 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.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of ACCE, I wish everyone the very best for the holidays season, and a very happy, healthy, and prosperous 2016.

Past Events

Winter 2015



ACCE Networking to Learn Luncheon – “Turning Raw Ideas into Powerful Results” was held on July 9, 2015 at Shangri-la Convention Centre, Markham. (Front row left 4): Irwin Li, President of ACCE presented appreciation plaques to two keynote speakers (Front row left 3 & 5): Kevin Au-Yeung and Sheri Allain.



The 2015 ACCE Golf Classic was held on September 17, 2015 at Bayview Golf & Country Club.



(Left 3) Honourable Victor Oh, Senator of Canada; (Left 4) Irwin Li, President of ACCE presented trophies to 1st place Team members: (From left): Darren Ling, Gordon Cooke, Kyle Burgis & Yang-Hai Wang.



2nd place Team members: (From left): Don Bearisto, Amedeo Pellegrino, Greg Shirinian & Fred Lai.



3rd place Team members: (From left): Gary Ward, Paul Moseley, John Marini & Irwin Li.



(Middle) Gordon Bilecki, Scotia Private Client Group, presented trophy to Winner of Men's and Ladies' Longest Drive: (Left) Mena Yin and (Right) David Lai.



▲ (Middle) Ronald Minken, Minken Employment Lawyers presented trophies to the Winners of Men's Closest to the Pin: (Left) Qing Yang and (Right) John Marini.



▲ (Middle) Jin Wen, Grant Thornton LLP presented trophies to Winners of Ladies' Closest to the Pin: (Left) Yang-Hai Wang and (Right) Emily Ding.



▲ 2015 ACCE Annual General Meeting was held on September 30, 2015 at The Mandarin Golf and Country Club where six new directors join the Board of the Directors: Chris Collucci, Keith Kwan, Justin Poy, Dave Wong, Jack Yao and Tom Yu. (Front row from left): Ana Chan, Sandra Tam, Karen Ng, Alan Kwong, Irwin Li, Joanna Lo, Bill Chen, Tim Chuang and Tom Yu. (Back row from left): Wilbert Lai, Kevin Au-Yeung, Chris Collucci, Edmund Tin, Michael Li, Royson Ng, Edward Hiew, Jack Yao, Jeffrey Kang and Alan Hamm.



▲ Event sponsors, guests and ACCE President and Advisor at the ACCE Annual General Meeting. (Front row from left): Patrick Chu and Jin Wen, Grant Thornton; Irwin Li; Anne Gilligan, Henry Hoang and Arthur Leung, Weins Canada. (Back row from left): Nicholas To, Grant Thornton; Karen Ng; Alan Kwong and Stephen Bald, BDC.



▲ 2015 ACCE West Coast Gala was held on Oct 8, 2015 at Fairmont Waterfront Hotel, B.C. Guests, Sponsors and ACCE Directors are shown. (Front row from left): Lesley Lawrence, Eva Kwok, Stanley Kwok, Irwin Li, MP Ed Fast, Consul Wenhua Cheng, Consulate General of Canada in Vancouver; Catherine Yuen. (Back row from left): Beau Olmstead, RBC Royal Bank; Alan Kwong; Toby Chu; John D'Eathe, Lane D'Eathe and Lena Ma, Miss World Canada 2009.



▲ Co-chair of 2015 ACCE West Coast Gala: (Left 1, 2 & 5): Lesley Lawrence, Senior Vice President of BDC; Toby Chu, President & CEO, Vice Chairman of CIBT Education Group Inc. and Irwin Li, President of ACCE with (Left 3 & 4): John D'Eathe, President of Freehold Development Canada Ltd. and Stanley Kwok, President of Amara Holdings Inc.



▲ Past Award Winners and Major Sponsors are shown. (From left): Lesley Lawrence, Alan Kwong, Fan Chun, Wally Mah, David Lee Kwen, Ellen Liu, Chan Hon Goh, Irwin Li, Kevin Au-Yeung, Toby Chu and Beau Olmstead.



▲ Sponsors and (left 5): ACCE President Irwin Li at 2015 ACCE West Coast Gala.



▶ 2015 ACCE Mandarin Speaking Business Etiquette Seminar was held on October 25, 2015 at Seneca College Markham Campus. (From left): Sandra Tam, Wilbert Lai, Fred Lai, Nancy M. Siew, Dan Liu, Irwin Li, Senator Victor Oh, Zhaozheng Kong, Royson Ng, Karen Ng, Tom Yu and Michael Li.

▶ ACCE Networking to Learn Luncheon – “Staging Yourself and Your Business” was held on November 13, 2015 at Markham Convergence Centre, Markham. (From left): Wilbert Lai, Karen Ng, Bob Saroya (MP of Markham), Irwin Li, Justin Poy, Idris Mootee, Tom Yu and Tina Woo.



▼ Irwin Li presented appreciation plaques to new members of ACCE.





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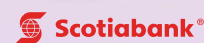
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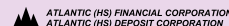
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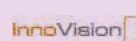
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ACCE in Community

Winter 2015



On October 8, 2015 at Willow Springs Winery, Whitchurch-Stouffville, ACCE Directors, awards winners and guests farewelled to (Left 5) Gloria Lo, Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (HKETO) in Toronto.



Markham Board of Trade presented the 25th Annual Business Excellence Awards Gala on November 17, 2015 at Hilton Suites, Markham.



ACCE Directors at HKCBA 7th Annual Markham Business Networking Morning Workshop on September 29, 2015.



Upcoming Events

Thursday, January 14, 2016

**2016 ACCE Networking To Learn Luncheon:
Economic Outlook**

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

2016 ACCE Chinese New Year Party

Saturday, April 2, 2016

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