



Entrepreneurs NEWS

Spring 2017

Message from the President

On behalf of the ACCE Board of Directors, I would like to extend my very best wishes for 2017 - the Year of the Rooster. I wish everyone a healthy, prosperous and harmonious year ahead.

Spring will soon arrive in Ontario after a mostly mild winter. Before looking ahead, let's recap the recent exciting activities, programs and events which took place within ACCE.

On October 25, 2016, ACCE supported the Small Business Forum held by Enterprise Toronto at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. On November 10, 2016, we held a "Networking to Learn Luncheon" at Yu Garden Restaurant where our panel of experts spoke with a packed house of eager entrepreneurs on how businesses can tap into the various sources of government funding.

Our annual Christmas Celebration and Chinese New Year Celebration were held on December 8, 2016 and February 2, 2017, respectively. Those celebrations were filled with fun, entertainment, food, drink, prizes and networking. I wish to thank the major sponsor, Grant Thornton.

Looking ahead, the 2017 ACCE Awards Gala is drawing imminently near. It will be held on March 25, 2017 at the Westin Harbour Castle in downtown Toronto. The Awards Gala is ACCE's premier signature event and the 2017 Awards will mark its twenty-first anniversary. On this evening, the very best of entrepreneurship in the Chinese Canadian community from coast to coast will be recognized and honoured.

Other upcoming events include the 2017 ACCE Business Forum to be held on May 13, 2017 at the North York Civic Centre; the 2017 ACCE West Coast Diversity Business Networking to be held on May 25, 2017 at the Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront in Vancouver, B.C.; and the 2017 ACCE Golf Classic to be held on July 13, 2017 at the Angus Glen Golf and Country Club. Please visit our website www.acce.ca for more details on these events along with various networking and educational seminars.

It goes without saying that none of these events would be possible without the generous and continuous assistance of our sponsors, volunteers, directors, advisors and staff. I want to thank each and every one for their contributions to make each event successful.



Irwin Li
President



▲ 2016 ACCE annual Christmas Celebration sponsored by Grant Thornton was held on December 8, 2016 at the Casa Deluz Banquet Hall. (Front row from left): Tom Vegh, Councillor of Town of Newmarket; Chris Collucci; Amanda Collucci, Councillor of City of Markham; The Honourable David Zimmer, Ontario Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation; Irwin Li, President of ACCE; The Honourable Philip S. Lee, the 24th Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba; Anita Lee; and Hilda Chow, Public Relations Officer of Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office. (Middle row from left): Karen Ng; Mandy Zhang; Keith Kwan; Royson Ng; Ana Chan; Edmund Tin; Kitty Iu; Bill Chen and Joanna Lo. (Back row from left): Wilbert Lai; James Lei; Kevin Au-Yeung; Dave Wong; Jeffrey Kang; Jeffrey Shek; Alan Hamm; Tom Yu and Tim Chuang.



▲ ACCE President, dignitaries and guests at the 2016 ACCE Christmas Celebration.



▲ The 2017 ACCE annual Chinese New Year Celebration was held on February 2nd, 2017 at Golden Palace Banquet Hall. ACCE Board of Directors with Advisors: (Front row from left): Karen Ng, Ana Chan, Joanna Lo, Kevin Au-Yeung, Irwin Li, Alan Kwong, Mandy Zhang and Sandra Tam. (Middle row from left): Bill Chan, Alan Hamm, Fred Lai, Royson Ng, Jeffrey Kang, Justin Poy, Keith Kwan and Jeffrey Shek. (Back row from left): Edmund Tin, Tim Chuang, Wilbert Lai, James Lei, Andy Yap, Dave Wong and Chris Collucci.



▲ (From left): Nick Choi, Deputy Director of Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office; Mayor Frank Scarpitti, City of Markham; Irwin Li, President of ACCE; the Honourable John McCallum, Canadian Ambassador to China; and Consul (Commercial) E Defeng, Consulate General of the P.R. of China in Toronto participate in the eye-dotting ceremony of lion dance during at the 2017 ACCE Chinese New Year Celebrations.



▲ 2017 ACCE Chinese New Year Celebrations (From left): Ralph Chow, Regional Director of America at Hong Kong Trade Development Council; Consul (Commercial) E Defeng, Consulate General of the P.R. of China in Toronto; MP Majid Jowhari; Irwin Li; David Cohen as the God of Fortune; Stephen Bald, Vice President of BDC; Mayor Frank Scarpitti, City of Markham; Nick Choi, Deputy Director of Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office and Peter Lawler, Executive Vice President of BDC.



▲ Media conference for the 2017 ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards was held on March 10, 2017 at Shangri-la Convention Centre, Markham. Major Sponsors and Awards Co-Chairs (From left): Carol Cheng of Ming Pao Daily News; Sharon Zhu of CIBC; Mandy Zhang of RBC Royal Bank; Sharon Sellers of TD Bank Group; Peter Lawler of BDC; President of ACCE Irwin Li; Nick Choi of Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office; Karen Nguyen of Rogers Communications; Ava Choi of Air Canada; and Jeffrey Kang of BMO Bank of Montreal.

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- ▲ Members of the 2017 ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards Steering Committee. (From left): James Lei; Karen Ng; Kitty Lu; Yang-Hai Wang; Edmund Tin; Tina Woo; Peter Lawler; Irwin Li; Norman Morris; Wilbert Lai; Royson Ng and Jeffrey Shek.
- ▼ Sponsors of the 2017 ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards at Media Conference.
- ◀ ACCE Board of Directors and Co-Chairs of the 2017 ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards.

Do you know an outstanding Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur who deserves to be recognized?

Are you interested in becoming a member of ACCE and receiving the benefits of the association?

The ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards is one of the most prestigious and prominent business awards recognizing outstanding individuals or companies that have achieved high levels of success in business or in giving back to the community.

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- ☐ I want to nominate someone for the 2018 ACCE Awards.

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- ▲ Minister Michael Chan 10th Anniversary Dinner was held on February 7, 2017, ACCE Directors and guests with Minister Michael Chan (Back row left 3).
- ▼ ACCE Directors at the 24th Taiwan Entrepreneurs Society Taipei/Toronto (TESTT) Gala on January 7, 2017.
- ◀ Mayor Frank Scarpitti's Chinese New Year Dinner was held on February 9, 2017. ACCE Directors, guests with (Back row from left): Regional Councillor Joe Li; Councillor Alan Ho; Mayor Frank Scarpitti; Councillor Amanda Collucci and Councillor Alex Chiu.

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Saturday, May 13, 2017	2017 ACCE Business Forum North York Civic Centre, 5100 Yonge St., North York, Ontario
Thursday, May 25, 2017	2017 ACCE West Coast Diversity Business Networking Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront, 1133 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC
Thursday, July 13, 2017	2017 ACCE Golf Classic – Hong Kong SAR 20th Anniversary Cup Angus Glen Golf Club, 10080 Kennedy Rd., Markham, Ontario

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