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Message from the President

Having the honour to be elected as President of ACCE at the Annual General Meeting on August 24, 2017, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my warmest greetings to you in my first President's Message. I look forward to meeting all the members whom I have not yet met and to sharing the passion and stories of our entrepreneurial journeys.

As a fellow entrepreneur and 2014 ACCE Best International Business award winner, I am excited to now lead a group that shares a mission that is close to my heart. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our Immediate Past President, Mr. Irwin Li for his leadership and commitment in the past three years. I have had the privilege to work alongside our committed team, directors, advisors, past presidents and volunteers as a director of the Association for the past three years. I look forward to working closely with all in this new capacity as we build on this strong foundation and further the momentum of our organization, by growing existing initiatives and adding new ones. This is certainly a challenging task for which I would sincerely hope to have your support.



Kevin Au-Yeung
Kevin Au-Yeung
 President

As usual, there has been no shortage of news and events here at ACCE. One of our most popular events, the ACCE Annual Golf Classic, was held on July 13, 2017 at the beautiful Angus Glen Golf Club. This year, we were grateful to have the support of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office for the "Hong Kong SAR 20th Anniversary Cup" in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong SAR government. Despite the uncooperative weather, the members, sponsors and attendees enjoyed the networking and prize draws and dinner in the clubhouse.

As I mentioned earlier, our Annual General Meeting and Appreciation Dinner was held soon thereafter on August 24, 2017 at Golden Palace Banquet Hall in Markham. I especially wish to welcome the newly-elected Directors to the Board, Tina Woo, Patrick Chu, and Charles Wen who is also a past winner of ACCE Awards. In addition to the election of new directors and officers, this evening allowed us to express our gratitude and appreciation to the sponsors, the business community, the media and our dedicated volunteers who make these events possible.

Another exciting event took place on October 12, 2017 when we held the 7th Annual ACCE West Coast Gala at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel in Vancouver. The event was an overwhelming success and was attended by close to 300 guests, comprising of government officials from various levels of government and leaders from the Chinese Canadian business community in British Columbia. The highlight of the evening was the keynote speech delivered by renowned developer Ben Yeung of Peterson Group. I especially wish to thank Robert H. Lee, winner of the 2017 ACCE Lifetime Achievement Award, the Honourary Chair of the ACCE West Coast Division and Toby Chu, winner of the 2015 ACCE Entrepreneur of the Year Award, also the co-chair of the West Coast Gala, and his team for spearheading this event.

In addition, we also held "Networking to Learn" luncheons on September 20, 2017 sponsored by Grant Thornton and Gowling WLG, where those in attendance benefitted from the knowledge and expertise of our expert speakers while enjoying lunch in the company of other members.

Looking ahead, we will be holding an innovative Entrepreneurship Hackathon on November 23, 2017, featuring an interactive round table format with multiple subject matter experts, sharing their insight on topics relating to angel capital, mother/women entrepreneurs, and selling to China via online marketplaces. In addition, our Christmas and Chinese New Year Celebrations will be held on December 6, 2017 and February 21, 2018, respectively.

Last but certainly not least, the 2018 ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards Gala, marking the 22nd anniversary of the event, will be held on March 24, 2018 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. This signature event honours the excellence and achievements of Chinese Canadian entrepreneurs from coast to coast. The nomination process is already underway, so please let us know of any successful entrepreneurs who deserve to be recognized in any of the nine award categories.

We look forward to meeting you, and I personally invite you to join us at our upcoming events and so we can share our vision and mission with you further.

Past Events Winter 2017



▲ The 2017 ACCE Golf Classic – “Hong Kong SAR 20th Anniversary Cup” was held on July 13, 2017 at Angus Glen Golf and Country Club. This event is to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.



▲ Co-chairs of 2017 ACCE Golf Classic: (Left 2 & 3): Louis Foong and Andrew White with (Left 1, 4 & 5): Karen Ng, Irwin Li and Royson Ng.



▲ (Front left 3 & 4): Irwin Li, ACCE and Nick Choi, Deputy Director of Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) presented trophies to the winning teams of the Hong Kong SAR 20th Anniversary Cup. (Front row from left): 1st place Team members: Mike Tang, Freddie Cheng, Rick Tsang and Ron Sham. (Back row from left): 3rd place Team members: Horace Shum, Dennis Woo, Ed Fung and Nixon Chen; 2nd place Team representatives: Mandy Zhang and Sam Choy..



▲ The Winners of Men's Closest to the Pin: Ivan Merrow and John Martini.

▶ The Winners of Ladies' Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive: (From left): Hailey Qiang, Mandy Zhang, Brooke Miller.

◀ The Winner of Men's Longest Drive: Rick Tsang.





▲ 2017 ACCE Annual General Meeting and Appreciation Dinner held on August 24, 2017 at Golden Palace Banquet Hall where three new directors joined the Board of the Directors: Tina Woo, Patrick Chu and Charles Wen. (Front left 2): Kathy Chan, Director of Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office with ACCE Board of the Directors and Advisors. (Front row from left): Fred Lai, Irwin Li, Kevin Au-Yeung, Alan Kwong, Wilbert Lai and Joanna Lo. (Middle row from left): Bill Chen, Ana Chan, Tina Woo, Kitty Lu, Jessie Ma, Mandy Zhang, Sandra Tam and Karen Ng. (Back row from left): Edmund Tin, Alan Hamm, Nicholas To, Patrick Chu, James Lei, Jeffrey Shek, Jeffrey Kang and Tim Chuang.



▲ (Left 3) Kevin Au-Yeung, President of ACCE and (Left 5) Irwin Li presented appreciation plaques to 2017 ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards major sponsors. (Front row from left): Andy Chan of Miller Thomson LLP, Patty Blue of RBC Royal Bank, Kathy Chan of Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, Sharon Zhu of CIBC. (Back row from left): Ryan Wong of Rogers Communications, Ana Chen of KPMG, Kitty Lu of TD Bank Group, Rocky Lo of Air Canada and Jeffrey Kang of BMO Financial Group.



▲ 2017 ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards Steering Committee members are shown at the event.



▲ ACCE President Kevin Au-Yeung presented appreciation certificate to 2017 ACCE Awards Gala volunteers.



▲ ACCE Networking to Learn Luncheon – “Scientific Research & Experimental Development (SR & ED) & Employment Law” was held on September 20, 2017 at Shangri-la Convention Centre, Markham. (Front row from left): Karen Ng, Joanna Lo, Kevin Au-Yeung, Neena Gupta, Josh Dymont, Wilbert Lai, Tina Woo and Mandy Zhang. (Back row from left): Charles Wen, Alan Kwong, Nicholas To, Royson Ng, Jeffrey Shek, Bill Chen and Sandra Tam.



▲ President of ACCE Kevin Au-Yeung presented membership certificate to new ACCE members.



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Winter 2017



▲ (Left) Robert H. Lee, Honorary Chair of the ACCE West Coast Division presented ACCE Scholarship to Brody Wong, fourth year of study with a focus on Entrepreneurial studies at the Sauder School of Business, University of British Columbia.

2017 ACCE West Coast Gala was held on October 12, 2017 at Fairmont Waterfront Hotel, B.C. Guests, Sponsors and ACCE Directors are shown. (Front row from left): Keynote speaker Ben Yeung of Peterson Group; Kathy Chan of Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office; Toby Chu of CIBT Education Group Inc.; Minister George Chow, Minister of State (Trade) of British Columbia; Rosa Oh; President of ACCE Kevin Au-Yeung; Senator Victor Oh; Robert H. Lee of Prospero Group; Stanley Kwok of Amara Holdings Inc.; and Commercial Consul Li Rong Zu, Economic and Commercial Office, Consulate General of PRC in Vancouver. (Back row from left): Tina woo; Karen Ng, Bill Chen, Irwin Li and Alan Kwong.



▲ ACCE Directors with past Award Winners are shown. (From left): James Lei, Tina Woo, Karen Ng, Alan Kwong, Kevin Au-Yeung, Toby Chu, Stanley Kwok, Robert H. Lee, Irwin Li, David Lee Kwen and Bill Chen.

▲ Co-Chairs and sponsors of 2017 ACCE West Coast Gala: (From left): Toby Chu, Co-Chair; Wilson Ng, PFAFF Leasing Vancouver; Kathy Chan, HKETO; Rose Siu, Cathay Pacific Airways; Lydia Yu, Ming Pao Daily News; Kevin Au-Yeung, Co-Chair and President of ACCE; Derek Lee, Prospero Group; Rodney Davidson, CIBT Education Group Inc.; Johnson Wu, Dr. Power; Robert Lee, Synergy Business Lawyers LLP.

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ACCE Directors and guests at the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) Business Seminar on Succeeding in Asia and Beyond through Hong Kong on October 19, 2017 at Four Seasons Hotel Toronto.



(Back row left 3): Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua, City of Vaughan with ACCE Directors, Advisors and guests at The Mayor's Lunar Gala – The Mayor of Vaughan's Mid-Autumn Celebration on October 6, 2017.

ACCE teams with (Left 3) Councillor Amanda Yeung Collucci, City of Markham and (Left 7) Richard Cunningham, President & CEO Markham Board of Trade at the Markham Board of Trade Annual Business Excellence Awards Gala on November 9, 2017.

UPCOMING Events 2018

December 6, 2017

● 2017 ACCE Christmas Celebrations

February 21, 2018

● 2018 ACCE Chinese New Year Party

March 24, 2018

● 2018 ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards Gala

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