



## Message from the President

On behalf of the ACCE Board of Directors, I would like to extend my very best wishes for 2023 – the Chinese Year of the Rabbit. I wish everyone a healthy, harmonious and blessed year. There have been lots of events to recap since the last edition of this newsletter, and there are even more events to look forward to.

Wrapping up a busy 2022, our women's entrepreneur group, Magnolia Club, tackled an important topic by hosting the December seminar "Understanding Cybersecurity." VinFast at Toronto's Yorkdale Shopping Centre was the creative venue for this event, while the Asian Google Network and Grant Thornton LLP were the Presenting Partners. We are grateful to our sponsors and speakers for their contributions.

Kicking off 2023 in January, we hopped into the Year of the Rabbit with our first in-person Lunar New Year celebration in three years. Spirits were especially high at Premiere Ballroom & Convention Centre in Richmond Hill as we enjoyed a lion dance, a visit from the God of Fortune and a dance performance from Georgia's Dance & Arts Cultural Centre. I wish to thank Wealth One Bank of Canada for being the Event Sponsor of our Chinese New Year celebrations for the third consecutive year, as well as the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office and Seneca International for being the Supporting Partners of this event.

In February, our Mandarin Speaking Group hosted the seminar "Investors' Perspective on the Market and Opportunity" at York University's YSpace in Markham. Attendees got many practical takeaways from the expert speakers. I wish to thank our Event Sponsor, Hanson, as well as all the excellent panel speakers.

Magnolia Club was at it again with an event in celebration of International Women's Day on March 8. The Goh Ballet Toronto dance studio of past ACCE Award winner Chan Hon Goh, located at Bayview Village, was the venue where our panel of speakers shared their entrepreneurial journeys. I wish to thank CSIT, Sue Chen Lawyers and Kino Renovation Inc. for being the co-sponsors of this Magnolia Club event. In addition, I thank all the panelists for sharing their knowledge and wisdom with us.

Looking ahead, the 2023 ACCE Awards Gala is drawing imminently near. It is ACCE's premier, signature event and is where the very best in Chinese Canadian entrepreneurship from coast to coast is recognized and honoured. We are excited for the resumption of the in-person Awards Gala this year on April 15 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. I am sure you are eagerly anticipating the unveiling of the winners.

Other upcoming events include the 2023 ACCE Business Forum, to be held on June 17 at the Markham Civic Centre; the 2023 ACCE Golf Classic, to be held on June 28 at the Angus Glen Golf Club; and the 2023 ACCE West Coast Gala, to be held on October 5 at the Fairmont Waterfront, B.C. Please visit our website, [www.acce.ca](http://www.acce.ca), for more details on these events, along with various networking and educational seminars.

As always, I want to thank our valued stakeholders, including our sponsors, directors, members, volunteers, staff, various levels of government, and the media, for their support.



Kevin Au-Yeung, President





The 2022 ACCE Magnolia Club event "Understanding Cybersecurity" was held on December 2, 2022, at VinFast Yorkdale. Front row from left: Emily Mo, Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office; Paul Zhao, President and CTO of Interware Systems; Stephanie Corvese, Manager, Risk and Forensics, Grant Thornton LLP (Canada); Aurora Li, Customer Engineer, Google Cloud; and Karen Ng. Back row from left: Sandra Tam; Edmund Tin; Kevin Au-Yeung, President of ACCE; Karen Mak, Chair of ACCE Magnolia Group; Amy Wong, Co-Chair of ACCE Magnolia Group; and Jessie Ma.



Speakers of the 2022 ACCE Magnolia Club event, from left: Paul Zhao, President and CTO of Interware Systems; Stephanie Corvese, Manager, Risk and Forensics, Grant Thornton LLP (Canada); and Aurora Li, Customer Engineer, Google Cloud.



Aurora Li, Customer Engineer at Google Cloud, spoke at the 2022 ACCE Magnolia Club event.



Stephanie Corvese, Manager, Risk and Forensics, Grant Thornton LLP (Canada), spoke at the 2022 ACCE Magnolia Club event.



Paul Zhao, President and CTO of Interware Systems, spoke at the 2022 ACCE Magnolia Club event.

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The 2023 ACCE Lunar New Year celebration was held on January 26, 2023, at Premiere Ballroom & Convention Centre and sponsored by Wealth One Bank of Canada. Supporting partners were the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) and Seneca International. Front row from left: Randal Blackwood of BDC, Councillor Isa Lee of the City of Markham, Regional Councillor Alan Ho of the City of Markham, Regional Councillor Joe Li of the City of Markham, MPP Daisy Wai, Acting Consul General Hong Hong of the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Toronto, Director Emily Mo of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto), Barry Ferguson of Wealth One Bank of Canada, David Agnew of Seneca College, and Commercial Consul Liu Linlin of the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Toronto. Second row from left: Jessie Ma, Amy Wong, Mandy Zhang, Tina Tian, Ana Chan, Karen Mak, Kevin Au-Yeung, Irwin Li, Tina Woo, Sandra Tam, Joanna Lo, Karen Huynh and Karen Ng. Back row from left: Alan Kwong, Eric Chan, Wilbert Lai, Yan Wang, Hugh Chow, Royson Ng, Alan Hamm, Scott Lin, Alan Lo, Edmund Tin and Jeffrey Shek.



ACCE President Kevin Au-Yeung (right) and Immediate Past President Irwin Li (left) fed the lions with lettuce, as the Chinese word for "lettuce" sounds similar to the word for "wealth." The lions then spat the lettuce back out to the audience to give them prosperity.



Guests and ACCE President Kevin Au-Yeung (fourth from left) performed "Lo Hei" at the Lunar New Year Celebration.



Eric Chan, Director of ACCE (fifth from left), dressed as the god of fortune, presented the lucky draw prize to the recipients at the Lunar New Year Celebration.



Guests received table prizes at the Lunar New Year Celebration.



Performers gave a performance at the Lunar New Year Celebration.





The ACCE Magnolia Club event celebrating International Women's Day, "Women at Their Best," was held on March 8, 2023, at Goh Ballet. From left: Amelia Ng, Mandy Zhang, Sandra Tam, Karen Ng, Karen Nguyen, Deborah Lau-Yu of PALETERRA, Dawn Zhou of CSIT, Chan Hon Goh of Goh Ballet, Amy Wong, Karen Mak, Sue Chen of Sue Chen Law Professional Corporation, Lijing Xiang of Kino Renovation Inc. and Kevin Au-Yeung.



Guests attend the 2023 ACCE Magnolia Club event.

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The 2023 ACCE Mandarin seminar series "Investors' Perspective on the Market and Opportunity" was held on February 17, 2023, at YSpace. Front row from left: Tina Tian; Robert Guo, President of Sixty Degree Capital; Kevin Au-Yeung, President of ACCE; Cynthia Chu, Vice-President of Hanson Canada; Yan Wang, President of Gemterra Developments Corporation; and Grace Ma, Vice-President of Blackwood Partners Inc. Back row from left: Tom Yu, Scott Lin, Wilbert Lai, Amy Wong, Karen Ng, Edmund Tin, Mandy Zhang and Sandra Tam.



ACCE President Kevin Au-Yeung (left) presented an appreciation plaque to Cynthia Chu, representative of the event sponsor, Hanson Canada.



Speakers at the 2023 ACCE Mandarin seminar series, from left: Tina Tian, VP of ACCE; Robert Guo, President of Sixty Degree Capital; Grace Ma, Vice-President of Blackwood Partners Inc.; and Yan Wang, President of Gemterra Developments Corporation.



Guests attend the 2023 ACCE Mandarin seminar series.

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The Media conference for the 2023 ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards was held on March 2, 2023, at Premiere Ballroom & Convention Centre in Markham. Major sponsors and Awards Co-Chairs, from left: Joey-Dean Lanthier of Air Canada, Daniel Liberman of TD, Ashif Mohamed of CIBC, Eric Chan of National Bank of Canada, Kevin Au-Yeung of ACCE, Paula Cruickshank of BDC, Lydia Lin of RBC Royal Bank, Amy Wong of Scotiabank, Carol Cheng of Ming Pao Daily News, Patrick Chen of TELUS Business and Janet Lam of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto).

## Upcoming Events 2023

Saturday, June 17, 2023

### 2023 ACCE Business Forum

Markham Civic Centre, 101 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, ON

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

### 2023 ACCE Golf Classic

Angus Glen Golf Club, 10080 Kennedy Rd, Markham, ON

Thursday, October 5, 2023

### 2023 ACCE West Coast Gala

Fairmont Waterfront, 900 Canada Place Way, Vancouver, BC

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Sponsors, guests, and ACCE's Board of Directors and advisors pose at the media conference.

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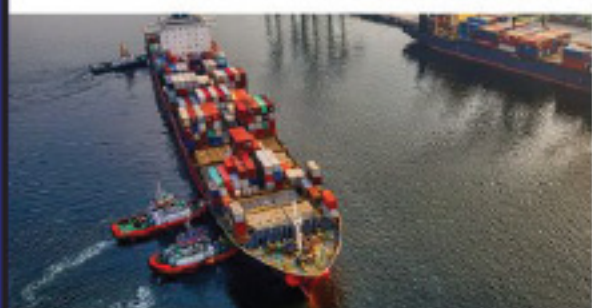
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