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Message from the President



Yvonne Chan, President

As we near the 30th anniversary of ACCE in 2024, let us look back on the latter half of 2023, which is ACCE's 29th year.

On June 28, our ACCE Golf Classic brought together more than 100 golfers for a day of fun at the Angus Glen Golf Club in Markham. Trophies and prizes were awarded to the top golf teams and those with the longest drive and closest to the pin. Others received prizes through lucky draws and games. We hope you will join us, whether you play golf or not, in June 2024.

Our ACCE Appreciation Reception was held on September 13 at the Markham Civic Centre. The success of our signature ACCE Awards Gala, held in April and attended by more than 1000 people, is due to the tremendous effort and planning of many. We expressed our thanks for the hard work and efforts of our volunteers, staff and sponsors. We hope you will join our next Awards Gala, on April 20, 2024.

On September 19, we held our Annual General Meeting at YSpace in Markham. We elected a new president (yours truly), and I follow in the footsteps of our immediate past president, Kevin Au-Yeung, who expertly navigated ACCE through the pandemic years. We are joined by two new directors, Raymond Chik and Vivian Ma. I remain grateful for the continued support of our Board of Directors and our Advisory Council.

Our ACCE West Coast Gala was held on October 5 in Vancouver at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel. Over 300 guests joined us, including British Columbia premier David Eby and the Chinese Consul General in Vancouver - Yang Shu. Dr. Eva Lee Kwok, our 2023 ACCE Lifetime Achievement Award winner, inspired us with her keynote speech. We celebrated our 2023 award winners and past award winners. We thank event co-chair Toby Chu and the directors, sponsors and performers who made this a memorable event.

On October 24, we welcomed His Excellency Pham Vinh Quang, Vietnam's Ambassador to Canada and members of the Vietnam Trade Office for an event held at the Ontario Investment and Trade Centre in Toronto. We learned how Vietnam could become a gateway to the ASEAN countries for Canadian businesses, allowing them to scale up and go global. On October 25, we met Ontario premier Doug Ford, Ontario Minister for Seniors and Accessibility Raymond Cho, and Richmond Hill MPP Daisy Wai.

From November 5 to 10, 2023, ACCE led a China Mission team to the 6th China International Import Expo (CIIE) in Shanghai. We met Jennifer May (Canada's Ambassador to the People's Republic of China) and David Murphy (Consul General in Shanghai). We also met with the Shanghai Pudong Chamber of International Commerce and members from the Canadian University Alliance Shanghai.

Thank you to our stakeholders, including our sponsors, directors, members, volunteers, staff, various levels of government and the media. We could not do it without you. We hope to see you in 2024 as we welcome the Year of the Dragon!

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The 2023 ACCE Golf Classic was held on June 28, 2023, at Angus Glen Golf Club. Participants took a group photo before the competition started.



Kevin Au-Yeung, president of ACCE (front right), and Yan Wang, co-chair of the Golf Classic (front left), presented trophies to the winners of the ACCE Golf Competition. Front row, from second from left: first-place team members Paul Honoridez, Neil Rooplal, Sunil Harricharan and Dave Ramsumair. Back row, from left: third-place team members Larry Long and Lin Nan, and second-place team members Daniel Chim, Michael Fricker and Taddy Chan.



Kevin Au-Yeung, president of ACCE (front right), and Yan Wang, co-chair of the Golf Classic (front left), presented trophies to the winners of the ACCE Golf Competition. Front row, from second from left: winner of Men's Longest Drive: Sunil Harricharan, winner of Ladies' Longest Drive and winner of Ladies' Closest to the Pin: Chres Lee; winner of Men's Closest to the Pin: Larry Long; winner of Ladies' Closest to the Pin: Margaret Grice; and winner of Men's Closest to the Pin: Nick Zhang.



ACCE president Kevin Au-Yeung (right) presented a lucky draw prize of a Hisense Premium Laser TV projector to Margaret Grice (left), sponsored by Hisense.



Guests received prizes at the ACCE Golf Classic.



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ACCE directors, advisors and guests attended the 2023 ACCE Appreciation Reception. Front row from left: Irwin Li, Randle Blackwood, Mayor Frank Scarpitti, Kevin Au-Yeung, Emily Mo, Wilbert Lai and Karen Ng. Back row from left: Jeffrey Shek, Vivian Ma, Sandra Tam, Chris Collucci, Karen Huynh, Amy Wong, Karen Mak, Alan Lo, Mandy Zhang, Eric Chan and Alan Hamm.



Kevin Au-Yeung, president of ACCE (fifth from left), presented appreciation plaques to the 2023 ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards' major sponsors. From left to right: Carol Cheng of Ming Pao, Vito Cramarossa of TD, Vivian Ma of CIBC, Lydia Lin of RBC, Randal Blackwood of BDC, Emily Mo of the Hong Kong Economic Trade Office in Toronto, Patrick Chen of TELUS Business, Amy Wong of Scotiabank, Eric Chan of National Bank of Canada and Mark Hashimoto of Air Canada.



The 2023 ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards Steering Committee and Judging Panel are shown at the event. From left: Jeffrey Shek, Sean Stanleigh, Lalit Guglani, Lydia Lin, Kevin Au-Yeung, Randal Blackwood, Eric Chan, Amy Wong and Karen Ng.



President of ACCE Kevin Au-Yeung (fourth from left) and Randal Blackwood of BDC (fifth from left) are pictured with the 2023 ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards winners. From left: representative of Benson Lau of Fuwa Fuwa, winner of the Best Asia Pacific Business Award; Paul Zheng of Nuralogix, winner of the Most Innovative Award; Bernard Law of Kind Laundry, winner of the Best Start-up Award; Saylo Lam of Circle 5, winner of the Entrepreneur of the Year Award; and Ricky Lau, Alan Poon and Ron Chan of The Six Semiconductor Inc., winners of the Best International Business Award.



Kevin Au-Yeung (fifth from right), president of ACCE, and Randal Blackwood of BDC (fourth from right), presented appreciation plaques to the 2023 ACCE Awards Gala volunteers.



Guests at the ACCE Appreciation Reception.



Newly elected ACCE President Yvonne Chan.

The 2023 ACCE Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on September 19, 2023, at YSpace Markham, where two new directors joined the Board of the Directors: Raymond Chik and Vivian Ma. Front row from left: Joanna Lo, Tina Woo, Alan Kwong, Karen Ng, Yvonne Chan, Wilbert Lai, Andy Yap, Fred Lai and Alan Hamm. Back row from left: Yan Wang, Jeffrey Shek, Chris Collucci, Alan Lo, Tina Tian, Vivian Ma, Karen Huynh, Ana Chan, Amy Wong, Sandra Tam, Mandy Zhang, Karen Mak, Raymond Chik, Edmund Tin and Hugh Chow.



Thanks to ACCE immediate past president Kevin Au-Yeung, who joined the AGM virtually, for his six years of awesome service as president of ACCE.



Guests at the 2023 ACCE AGM.



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The 2023 ACCE West Coast Gala was held on October 5, 2023, at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel in British Columbia. Special thanks to TD for being the Event Sponsor. Sponsors, co-chairs and ACCE directors are shown. Front row from left: Kevin Au-Yeung, Chinese Consul General in Vancouver - Yang Shu, BC premier David Eby, Yvonne Chan, Rosanne Horner of BDC, Eva Lee Kwok and Stanley Kwok of Amara Holdings Inc., Emily Mo of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Toronto, and Devan Mitchell of TD Wealth. Back row from left: Karen Ng, Stacy Smith-Henderson of TELUS Business, Brad Burnett of ITC Construction Group, Rocky Lo of Air Canada, Alan Kwong, Toby Chu, Irwin Li, Tina Woo and Jeffrey Shek.



Past ACCE award winners attended the 2023 ACCE West Coast Gala. Front row from left: Kevin Au-Yeung of InnoVision Holdings Corp., Dawn Zhou of CSIT Group, Graham Lee of GSL Group, Christopher Siu of Daan Go Sweets Inc., Benson Lau of Fuwa Fuwa, Dr. Eva Lee Kwok of Amara Holdings Inc., Yvonne Chan of Santé Circle Health and Stanley Kwok of Amara Holdings Inc. Back row from left: Tony Jaw of Delphi Papers International, Irwin Li of Mennie Canada, Chan Hon Goh of Goh Ballet, Alan Kwong of PharmEng Technology Inc., Toby Chu of Global Education Communities Corp., Wally Mah of North Ridge Development Corporation and Stephanie Li of Spotlight West Communications Inc.



Yvonne Chan (seventh from right), president of ACCE, presented appreciation plaques to the sponsors at the 2023 ACCE West Coast Gala.



Yvonne Chan (second from right), president of ACCE; Toby Chu (far right), co-chair of the West Coast Gala; and Kevin Au-Yeung (far left), immediate past president of ACCE, presented an appreciation plaque to the keynote speaker, Dr. Eva Lee Kwok (second from left) of Amara Holdings Inc.



Chinese Consul General in Vancouver - Yang Shu.



BC Premier David Eby.



Guests at the 2023 ACCE West Coast Gala.



Goh Ballet's Youth Company's excellent performance at the ACCE West Coast Gala.



The 2023 event "Leverage FTAs: Vietnam as a Gateway to ASEAN for Canadian Businesses" was held on October 24, 2023, at the Ontario Investment and Trade Centre. Guests and ACCE directors are shown. From left: Kevin Au-Yeung; Irwin Li; Karen Ng; Quynh Tran, head of the Vietnam Trade Office in Canada; His Excellency Pham Vinh Quang, Ambassador of Vietnam to Canada; Yvonne Chan, president of ACCE; Karen Huynh; Sandra Tam; Chris Collucci; and Julie Nguyen, director of the Canada-Vietnam Trade Council.



The Vietnam delegation and ACCE visited Premier Ford's office at Queen's Park Legislative Assembly of Ontario. From left: Dao Nguyen, Ambassador Pham's secretary; Karen Ng, Executive Director of ACCE; Yvonne Chan, president of ACCE; Doug Ford, premier of Ontario; His Excellency Pham Vinh Quang, Ambassador of Vietnam to Canada; Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility of Ontario; Daisy Wai, MPP of Richmond Hill; and Quynh Tran, head of the Vietnam Trade Office in Canada.

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The ACCE China Mission team attended the 2023 CIIE from November 5 to 10, 2023, in Shanghai, China. Yvonne Chan (sixth from left), President of ACCE, and immediate past president Kevin Au-Yeung (fifth from right) led the Chinese business delegation to participate in the sixth China International Import Expo (CIIE). Thanks Jennifer May (seventh from left), Canada's Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, and Dave Murphy (seventh from right), Consul General of Canada in Shanghai, along with their teams, for visiting the ACCE trade delegation booth.



Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 15, 2024
2024 ACCE Lunar New Year Celebration
 Casa Deluz Banquet Hall
 1571 Sandhurst Cir, Scarborough, ON

Saturday, April 20, 2024
2024 ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards Gala
 Metro Toronto Convention Centre North Building
 255 Front St W, Toronto, ON

ACCE's Chinese business delegation participated in the Canada @ CIIE 2023 Reception. The prelude to the official opening was a warm-up event organized by the Government of Canada, CanCham and Canada China Business Council. Group photo of the ACCE trade delegation and Consul General Dave Murphy (sixth from left).



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