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Spring 2025

Message from the President

As the flowers bloom and spring breathes new life into our days, I'm reminded of the vibrant spirit that continues to define the ACCE community. It has been an incredible few months filled with meaningful connection, learning and celebration. I'm grateful to share just a few highlights from our journey together so far this year.

We welcomed 2025 with the joyous energy of our Lunar New Year celebration at Zunyan Fine Dining & Banquet on February 5. From the thunderous rhythm of the lion dance to the warm wishes from the God of Fortune, the evening was a reminder of the cultural richness we are so proud to honour. A heartfelt thank you to Wealth One Bank of Canada for sponsoring this cherished tradition for the fifth consecutive year.

Our Magnolia Club brought sparks of creativity to life with their "The Three C's" event at YSpace Markham. It was designed to empower women entrepreneurs through thoughtful conversations, networking and shared stories. Guests had the chance to hear from inspiring panelists, engage in peer-to-peer reflection and walk away with a stronger sense of belonging and purpose within the ACCE community.

Looking ahead, excitement is building for our 2025 ACCE Awards Gala, taking place on April

12 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. This is more than an event—it's a celebration of courage, perseverance and excellence in Chinese Canadian entrepreneurship across the country. We look forward to unveiling this year's honourees, whose stories continue to inspire us all.



Yvonne Chan, President

Our calendar is brimming with opportunities to connect and grow together, including the 2025 ACCE Business Forum in May and the always-popular ACCE Golf Classic in June. Keep an eye on www.acce.ca for updates and registration details.

To our sponsors, speakers, volunteers and community members—you are the heart of ACCE. Thank you for your unwavering support and for walking alongside us in this shared journey of empowerment, recognition and belonging.

Wishing you all a joyful and prosperous spring season.

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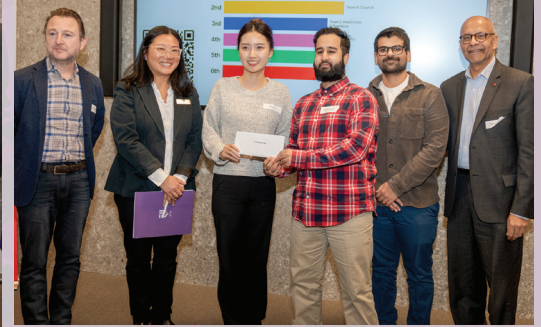


The 2024 ACCE Young Entrepreneur event "AI Hackathon" was held on December 5, 2024, at National Bank Showbox. Board members and working team, from left: Raymond Chik, Alan Hamm, Yvonne Chan, Eric Chan, Karen Ng, Karen Mak, and Ben Hum.

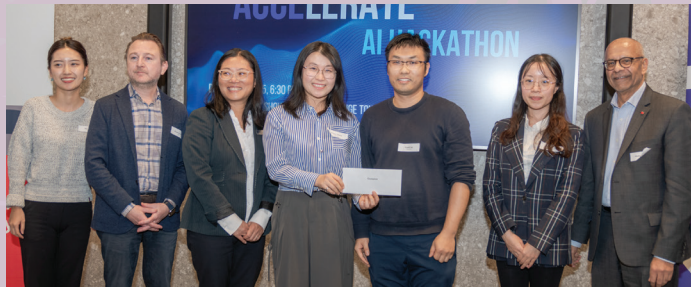


The four judges of the event, Minjia Zhu, Kaan Sayiner, Yvonne Chan, and Shafiq Ebrahim, presented the first runner-up award to team Court-AI.

The judges presented the second runner-up award to team ReelScribe & ReelWrite.



The judges presented the People's Choice award to team Court-AI.



The four judges of the event, Minjia Zhu of Brave Career, Kaan Sayiner of Kevito Group, Yvonne Chan of ACCE, and Shafiq Ebrahim of National Bank of Canada, presented the championship award to team Summarizit.



ACCE president Yvonne Chan (centre) presented an appreciation plaque to Eric Chan, Regional Vice President GTA Central & East, Personal Banking, at the National Bank of Canada (right), and Shafiq Ebrahim, Senior Director, Commercial Banking, at the National Bank of Canada (left), the event sponsor.



Guests attended the 2024 ACCE Young Entrepreneur event.



ACCE president Yvonne Chan (right) presented an appreciation plaque to Leyuan of Brave Talent Hub, the supporting partner.



ACCE president Yvonne Chan (right) presented an appreciation plaque to Kaan Sayiner of Kevito Group, the drinks sponsor.

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The 2024 ACCE Lunar New Year celebration was held on February 5, 2025, at Zunyan Fine Dining & Banquet and sponsored by Wealth One Bank of Canada. The supporting partner was Seneca Polytechnic. Front row from left: Janet Lam of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto), David Agnew of Seneca Polytechnic, Mayor David West of the City of Richmond Hill, Yvonne Chan, Consul General Luo Weidong of the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Toronto, Amy He of Wealth One Bank of Canada, Tyson Jones of BDC, Commercial Consul Liu Linlin of the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Toronto, and Regional Councillor Alan Ho of the City of Markham. Second row from left: Councillor Isa Lee, Karen Huynh, Joanna Lo, Agnes Lan, Tina Woo, Tina Tian, Kevin Au-Yeung, Ana Chan, Sandra Tam, Karen Mak, Amy Wong, Amelia Zheng, Kay Leung, Vivian Ma and Karen Ng. Back row from left: Jeffrey Shek, Edmund Tin, Fred Lai, Edward Wang, Alex Chan, Eric Chan, Raymond Chik, Royson Ng, Alan Hamm, Wilbert Lai, Alex Chang, Andy Yap and Alan Kwong.



ACCE president Yvonne Chan (right) and immediate past president Kevin Au-Yeung (left) celebrated the Lunar New Year with the lively lion dance.



Guests and ACCE president Yvonne Chan (fourth from left) performed lo hei at the Lunar New Year celebration.



Guests received table prizes at the Lunar New Year celebration.



Guests enjoyed the Lunar New Year celebration.



Raymond Chik, director of ACCE (middle), dressed as the God of Fortune and presented the red packets at the Lunar New Year celebration.



A face changing performance was presented at the Lunar New Year celebration.



The Chinese Collective Arts Association performed at the Lunar New Year celebration.



Guests received the grand prize at the Lunar New Year celebration.





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The 2025 ACCE Magnolia Club event celebrating International Women's Day, "The Three C's," was held on March 8, 2025, at YSpace at York University. Front row from left: Karen Mak, chair of ACCE Magnolia Group; stage moderator Agnes Lan; panelist Althea Yip, partner at Loopstra Nixon LLP; Yvonne Chan, president of ACCE; panelist Jennifer So, partner at Fuller Landau; panelist Valerie Gow, partner at Gow Hastings Architects; and Karen Ng, executive director of ACCE. Back row from left: Karen Huynh; Jeffrey Shek; Wilbert Lai; Joanna Lo; Lily Lu of event sponsor the Scotiabank Women Initiative; Andrew Fisher of event sponsor Scotiabank Healthcare & Professional Banking; Amy Wong, co-chair of ACCE Magnolia Group; Raymond Chik; Amelia Zheng; Edmund Tin; and Sandra Tam.



ACCE president Yvonne Chan (second from right) presented appreciation plaques to Andrew Fisher of event sponsor Scotiabank Healthcare & Professional Banking and Lily Lu of event sponsor the Scotiabank Women Initiative.



Guests attended the 2025 ACCE Magnolia Club event.

Moderator and speakers at the 2025 ACCE Magnolia Club event, from left: Agnes Lan; Althea Yip, partner at Loopstra Nixon LLP; panelist Jennifer So, partner at Fuller Landau and panelist Valerie Gow, partner at Gow Hastings Architects.

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The media conference for the 2025 ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards was held on February 26, 2025, at Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel & Suites in Richmond Hill. Major sponsors and Awards co-chairs, from left: Daniel Liberman of TD, Andrew Gowan of the National Bank of Canada, Gavin Yeung of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto), Yvonne Chan of ACCE, Tyson Jones of BDC, Lydia Lin of RBC Royal Bank, Amy Wong of Scotiabank and Ming Hu of Ming Pao Daily News.



Sponsors, guests and ACCE directors and advisors gathered at the media conference.



Tyson Jones, co-chair of the 2025 ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards, and Senior Vice President, Ontario, of the BDC, the title sponsor, delivered a speech at the media conference.



Guests gathered at the 2025 ACCE Media Conference.

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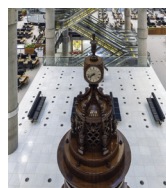


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ACCE directors, advisors and guests attended Mayor Frank Scarpitti's Chinese New Year Dinner on February 11, 2025, at Hilton Toronto/Markham Suites Conference Centre & Spa.



ACCE directors, advisors and guests attended the Confederation of Greater Toronto CBA Annual Chinese New Year Gala on February 22, 2025, at Pearson Convention Centre.

Upcoming Events 2025

Saturday, May 10, 2025

2025 ACCE Business Forum

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

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

2025 ACCE Golf Classic

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

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

2025 ACCE West Coast Gala

Fairmont Waterfront, 900 Canada Place Way, Vancouver, BC



ACCE directors, advisors and guests attended the HKCBA Chinese New Year Gala on February 15, 2025, at Hilton Toronto/Markham Suites Conference Centre & Spa.

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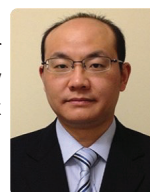


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