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The HKETO Director presents Best Asia Pacific Business Award at 2017 ACCE Awards

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The Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO), Miss Kathy Chan, attended 2017 Association of Chinese Canadian Entrepreneurs (ACCE) Awards on 25 March and presented the Best Asia Pacific Business Award.

Speaking at the opening of the Awards, Miss Chan complimented the association in their continued efforts to recognise the achievements of outstanding Chinese Canadian entrepreneurs and to promote the spirit of entrepreneurship among the Chinese Canadian community, in particular to the younger generations. "The awards have over the years brought together a large pool of business leaders who have continued to share their inspirational experience and insights through various networking events of the ACCE," she said.

Miss Chan thanked ACCE for being HKETO's partner in fostering trade relations between Canada and Hong Kong over the years. She noted that the trade ties between Canada and Hong Kong have made significant achievements last year. "Apart from the fact that the two places continued to be important trading partners of each other, Hong Kong and Canada signed a bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement last February to further facilitate investment flows between the two economies and the same agreement came into effect last September", she said.

HKETO has been the sponsor of the Best Asia Pacific Business Award since its inception in 2010. The award recognises those entrepreneurs who have made a business success by using Hong Kong as a platform for their business expansion in Asia.

Miss Chan said Hong Kong has many advantages which make it a super-connector for Canadian companies to tap into the Asian market. "Hong Kong is centrally located in Asia. We are committed to the rule of law and providing a level playing field for businesses from around the world. We have been assessed as the freest economy in the world by the US Heritage Foundation for 23 years in a row. The free trade arrangement signed with China enables overseas companies with operations in Hong Kong to enjoy unparalleled advantages to enter the Mainland China market", she said.

Beyond Asia, opportunities lie in the wider Belt and Road region. Hong Kong is a first-mover by holding a Belt and Road Summit last May to invite high-level government and business leaders from economies along the Belt and Road to share their insights on various

opportunities offered by the initiative and the role Hong Kong could play. The response of the summit was overwhelmingly enthusiastic.

"The second Belt and Road summit will be held in Hong Kong this September. We encourage more members of the Canadian business community to join to obtain first-hand information and see for themselves the abundant opportunities under the initiative", Miss Chan said.

The ACCE's Best Asia Pacific Business Award was given to Jeff Leung of Jet Design Inc.. It won a global competition to design the M+ Pavilion in Hong Kong's renowned West Kowloon Cultural District. The successful project in the international city has become its showcase and facilitated its business expansion in Asia, including Mainland China. It has established a subsidiary in Hong Kong to benefit from its great pool of design talents and superb connectivity to other cities in the region.



The Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) (HKETO), Miss Kathy Chan, speaks at the 2017 Association of Chinese Canadian Entrepreneurs (ACCE) Awards on March 25.



The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto) is the sponsor of the Best Asia Pacific Business Award. Photo shows the HKETO Director, Miss Kathy Chan, presenting the Award

to Mr Jeff Leung of Jet Design Inc..



The HKETO Director, Miss Kathy Chan (third left) with other award sponsors and guests at the 2017 ACCE Awards.

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