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Message from the President

The quickly approaching holiday season signals that 2020 is thankfully drawing to close. As the vaccine starts to rollout, we can hope for a return to some normalcy and a much better year in 2021.

ACCE's mission to assist entrepreneurs has never been more important than during this unprecedented pandemic. As Canada's leading Chinese Canadian business association, we quickly pivoted to deliver virtual programs, resources and networking under the ACCE's sub-brand, ACCESS. I am so proud that ACCE has successfully presented ten digital events since the pandemic restrictions began; and inasmuch as these virtual programs have been very well received, we cannot wait to be able to return to in-person programs soon.



Kevin Au-Yeung, President

We hosted a webinar on "Go Online: Using the Power of Digital to Get New Customers" on July 16, 2020 in partnership with the City of Toronto, Google, Asian Google Network and Digital Main Street. Then on September 3, 2020, we had our Annual General Meeting where we welcomed two new directors to the Board – Yuki Yuan and Dennis Poon of Browne Group, winner of the 2019 ACCE Best International Business Award. On September 23, 2020, our Young Entrepreneurs Group hosted a "Powering Potential and Possibilities" Velocity Event. I wish to thank our event sponsor National Bank and our program partners Google and Asian Google Network.

Then on October 15, 2020, ACCE hosted our largest and most ambitious virtual event to date – a Virtual Forum which engaged past ACCE award winners, speakers and attendees from coast to coast. I wish to thank Gold Sponsor RBC Royal Bank and Supporting Partners Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, InvestHK, the City of Markham, the Markham Small Business Centre, Google, and Asian Google Network. Then on November 18, our women entrepreneurs group "Magnolia" hosted a webinar entitled "How Women Leaders Pivoted During COVID-19".

Most recently, ACCE had our Christmas Celebration on December 3, 2020 with the support of TELUS Business as sponsor. The interactive event had close to 200 virtual attendees who enjoyed an evening of prizes, entertainment, games and networking, just as they would at an in-person festive event.

As always, I want to thank our various stakeholders such as our sponsors, directors, members, volunteers, staff, various levels of government, and the media for their support. In addition, I wish to thank all the speakers and panelists for sharing their experience and wisdom at our events.

Last but not least, I want to wish everyone a very safe and enjoyable holidays with your loved ones. I hope you and your family will stay safe during the holidays by finding new and creative ways to celebrate responsibly. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.











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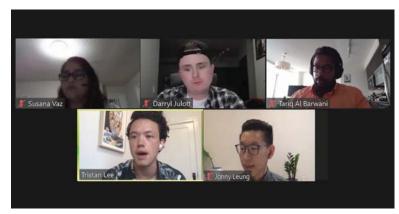








The ACCE webinar panel discussion "Go Online: Using the Power of Digital to Get New Customers" was held on July 16, 2020, hosted on Zoom.



Panelists and moderator of ACCE webinar. From top left: Susana Vaz, Economic Development Officer, City of Toronto; Darryl Julott, Senior Manager, Digital Main Street; Tariq Al Barwani, Co-Founder at Plentea; Tristan Lee, SMB Marketing Lead, Google; Jonny Leung, AGN Toronto Lead



The 2020 ACCE Annual General Meeting was held on September 3, 2020, hosted on Zoom. Two new directors joined the Board of Directors: Dennis Poon and Yuki Yuan. From left to right, top to bottom: Kevin Au-Yeung, Jeffrey Shek, Alan Hamm, Eric Chan, Sandra Tam and Tina Woo. Mandy Zhang, Tim Chuang, Karen Mak, Edmund Tin, Patrick Chu and Allan Sum. Chris Collucci, Alan Lo, Nicholas To, Amy Wong, Tina Tian and Ana Chan. Kitty Iu, Keith Chang, Dennis Poon, Yuki Yuan, Jessie Ma and Karen Ng. Alan Kwong, Fred Lai, Wilbert Lai, Joanna Lo, Royson Ng and Andy Yap.



The ACCE "VELOCITY" Online Networking & Learn session "Leveraging Google Tools & Resources to Maximize Business Growth," sponsored by National Bank of Canada, was held on September 23, 2020, hosted on the Hopin platform. Four speakers from Google, from top left: Michael Nguyen, Strategic Partner Manager; Heather Tang, Associate Product Marketing Manager; Jonny Leung, Principal Analytical Lead; Benjamin Li, Account Executive.



Breakout session of ACCE "VELOCITY". Top: Ben Hum, Chair of ACCE Young Entrepreneurs Group and moderator of the breakout session. Bottom: Jason Tham, CEO of Nulogy and the winner of the 2019 ACCE Most Innovative Award, sharing his success stories on how businesses can navigate through digital challenges with agility and resilience in a global pandemic environment.





The ACCESS ACCE Virtual Forum was held on October 15, 2020, hosted on Hopin. Supporting partners were City of Markham, Markham Small Business Centre, Hong Kong Economic Trade Office (Toronto), Invest Hong Kong (Canada), Google and Asian Google Network. The Gold Sponsor was RBC Royal Bank. The ACCE Virtual Forum is the first event presented under our new "ACCESS" sub-brand for digital program delivery. This is a groundbreaking national event. Left: President of ACCE Kevin Au-Yeung. Right: Bruce Poon Tip, Founder of G Adventures and winner of the 2007 ACCE Entrepreneur of the Year Award and keynote speaker of the event.



The ACCESS ACCE Virtual Forum panel discussion was stacked with four past ACCE Award winners from across Canada who shared their own stories of COVID pivoting and transition. From left to right, top to bottom: Graham Lee, President and CEO of GSL Holdings in British Columbia and winner of the 2019 ACCE Entrepreneur of the Year Award; Stephen Chan, Founder and CEO of Dapasoft Inc in Ontario and winner of the 2011 Most Innovative Award; Toby Chu, Chairman, President and CEO of CIBT Education Group Inc. in British Columbia and winner of the 2015 ACCE Entrepreneur of the Year Award; Kit Poon, Co-founder of Mint Health+Drugs in Alberta and winner of the 2019 ACCE Best Community Service Award; event moderator Karen Nguyen of Rogers Communications.

ACCE's first event presented under our new "ACCESS" sub-brand for digital program delivery featured greetings from all three levels of government and dignitaries:



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau



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Emily Mo, Director, The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (Toronto)



ACCESS ACCE Virtual Forum breakout session – "Beyond Banking: Supporting Business to Thrive in the Post-COVID World," hosted by RBC Royal Bank. From left to right, top to bottom: Sean Furniss, Director, Global Solutions; Rebecca Pang, Vice President, Commercial Financial Services; Vipin Sharma, Senior Trade Finance Specialist; Mandy Zhang, Commercial Account Manager.



ACCESS ACCE Virtual Forum breakout session – "Tech Undivided: The Path to Thriving in Canada's Tech Ecosystem," hosted by City of Markham. From left to right, top to bottom: Sandra Tam, Senior Business Development Officer, City of Markham; Yvonne Lau, Founder, Retainify Technology Inc.; Harman Grewal, Director, Partnership Operations, ventureLAB; Keren Moynihan, Co-Founder & CEO, Boss Insights.



ACCESS ACCE Virtual Forum breakout session - "Opportunities for Canadian Businesses in the Greater Bay Area Using Hong Kong as a Hub," hosted by Invest Hong Kong (Canada). Left: Christopher Chen, Head of Investment Promotion, Invest Hong Kong (Canada).



ACCESS ACCE Virtual Forum breakout session - "Leading Through COVID: Top Tips from Google to Virtually Manage High-Performing Teams and Build Team Culture," hosted by Google and Asian Google Network. From left to right, top to bottom: Michael Nguyen, Strategic Partner Manager; Chris Chan, Head of Industry, Retail; Elana Chan, Head of Ads Marketing & Think.

Upcoming Events 2021

| Thursday, January 21, 2021 | ACCESS ACCE Mandarin-Speaking Webinar, to be hosted on Zoom |
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| Thursday, February 4, 2021 | ACCESS ACCE Webinar: Doing Business in South Korea |
| Thursday, February 18, 2021 | ACCESS ACCE Chinese New Year Celebration |
| Monday, March 8, 2021 | ACCESS ACCE Magnolia Club Webinar |
| Wednesday, March 24, 2021 | ACCESS ACCE Young Entrepreneurs Group Webinar |





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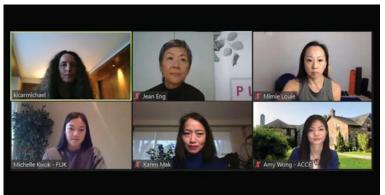
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The ACCESS ACCE Magnolia Club webinar "How Women Leaders Pivoted During COVID-19" was held on November 18, 2020, hosted on Zoom. From left to right, top to bottom: Kim Carmichael, Assistant Director of Willow Stream Spa of Fairmont Pacific Rim; Jean Eng, Founder of Pure + Simple and the winner of the 2009 ACCE Most Innovative Award; Mimie Louie, Certified Personal Trainer & Nutrition Coach; Michelle Kwok, Co-Founder of FLIK; Karen Mak, Co-Chair of Magnolia Club; Amy Wong, Co-Chair of Magnolia Club.



Fitness demo in the ACCESS ACCE Magnolia Club webinar



Chris Collucci (left) as Santa Claus at the meet-and-greet with MPP Daisy Wai (right)



ACCE members and their families join the TELUS DIY Christmas Decoration Contest.



ACCE supports Toy Mountain Drive and makes toy donations to Salvation Army. From left: Karen Ng; Ontario MPP Daisy Wai; Kevin Au-Yeung; Tracy Savage; Pastor Jon Savage; Minister Stephen Lecce, Ontario Ministry of Education.



The 2020 ACCESS ACCE Christmas Celebration, sponsored by TELUS, was held on December 3, 2020, hosted on Hopin. The event started with Goh Ballet's *The Nutcracker*.



2020 ACCESS ACCE Christmas Celebration breakout sessions. From left to right, top to bottom: "Niagara Wine 101" by Jakub Lipinski, Big Head Wines; "Cooking Demo: Star Christmas Bread" by Chef Oliver Li, Mi Experience; "Yoga Demo" by Jason Lu, Yoga Tree; "Fitness Demo" by Geoff Wintonyk, Fit Factory Fitness; "Goh Ballet's Dance with the Sugar Plum Fairy Workshop" by Tanya Phelps; "Guess the Song Challenge" by Jessie Ma.





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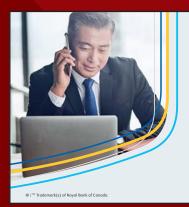
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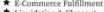
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