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Entrepreneurs Winter 2021 NEWS

Message from the President

The quickly approaching holiday season signals that 2021 is drawing to a close. Since the last edition of this Newsletter, we have seen the steady return to normalcy, including the first in-person ACCE events in over eighteen months! Understandably then, I am even more excited than usual to recap the latest events here.

The first in-person event took place on September 16, 2021 when we held an Appreciation Reception at Porsche Centre Markham for the sponsors, award winners, nominators, volunteers and other contributors of the Awards Gala. The excitement of gathering together again was amplified by the modern and airy venue which allowed us to catch up and reconnect after the long physical absence.

The resumption of physical events did not mean the end of virtual programs under the ACCESS subbrand. Our Annual General Meeting was held virtually on September 29, 2021, where we welcomed three new directors to the Board – Andrew Au, Kit Poon and Yan Wang, all of whom are ACCE Award winners. As ACCE continues to grow nationally, Kit Poon became the first of what will be many ACCE directors based outside of Ontario. I also had the honour of being elected as ACCE President for an extended term during this Annual General Meeting. I want to thank all of the members, the Board of Directors and the Advisory Council for their support.



Kevin Au-Yeung, President

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On October 28, 2021, we hosted a Winners Club event as the second in-person gathering. With BDC's support as Event Sponsor, past and present ACCE Awards winners enjoyed a delicious dinner at the newly-renovated New Century Restaurant in Markham and received an informative presentation on "The Power of Digitization" from BDC's experts. I would like to thank BDC for their continuing support.

The third in-person event was organized by our women entrepreneurs group "Magnolia" on November 5, 2021 at the studio of Canadian fashion designer Christopher Bates located at Toronto's Eaton Centre. In an innovative format, attendees were able to see some of the renowned designer's latest designs, hear his views on entrepreneurship, and become models for the evening by strutting down the runway while having their photos taken.

Things were just as busy on the virtual side. On November 10, 2021, our Mainland Group held a webinar on how businesses can adapt in a post-COVID world. I would like to thank Wealth One Bank of Canada for being our Event Sponsor. Then on November 25, 2021, in partnership with the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto and the Stronger Together Coalition, our Social Issues Committee held a webinar entitled "Building a Stronger Business through Diversity". I wish to thank all the speakers and panelists at these events for sharing their experience and wisdom.

Looking ahead, ACCE will have our Christmas Celebration on December 2, 2021 virtually on the Hopin platform. On the other hand, the Chinese New Year Celebration will be held as an in-person event on February 8, 2022 at New Century Restaurant. Please check www.acce.ca regularly for details on all of our upcoming programs.

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.

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. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.





















Past Events Winter 2021



The 2021 ACCE Appreciation Reception was held on September 16, 2021, at Porsche Centre Markham. Kevin Au-Yeung, President of ACCE, presented appreciation certificates to the 2020/2021 ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards' major sponsors. From left: Kevin Au-Yeung; Patrick Chen of TELUS Business Solutions; Emily Mo, Director of Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Toronto; Rebecca Pang of RBC Royal Bank; Randal Blackwood of BDC; Tarek Naguib of National Bank of Canada; Amy Wong of Scotiabank; Carol Cheng of Ming Pao Daily News.



ACCE directors and advisors at the 2021 ACCE Appreciation Reception.



President of ACCE Kevin Au-Yeung with the 2020/2021 ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards winners. From left: Lew Lim of Vielight Inc., the winner of the Most Innovative Award; Larry Law of Living Water Resorts, the winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award; Christopher Siu of Daango Sweets Inc., the winner of the Young Entrepreneur Award; Sabrina Hao of Reciprocity Corp. (GameSquare Esports Inc.), the winner of the Best Start-up Award; Shaun Sakdinan of 4D Cityscape Inc., the winner of the Best Asia Pacific Business Award.



Sponsors of the 2020/2021 ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards at the 2021 ACCE Appreciation Reception.



The 2021 ACCE Appreciation Reception. From left: Dennis Woo, Yang-Hai Wang, Edmund Tin, Alan Lo, Nicholas To, Karen Ng, Jeffrey Shek and Kevin Au-Yeung.



The 2021 ACCE Appreciation Reception. From left: Tina Tian, Mandy Zhang, Maurice Wong, Henry Lee, James Lei, Jun He, James Lin, Amy Wong, Sandra Tam, Jenny Lo, Rick Wong and Kevin Au-Yeung.

Past Events



The 2021 ACCE Annual General Meeting was held on September 29, 2021, hosted on Zoom. Three new directors joined the Board of Directors: Andrew Au, Kit Poon and Yan Wang. From left to right, top to bottom: Tina Tian, Kevin Au-Yeung, Amy Wong, Jessie Ma, Yan Wang and Alan Kwong. Kit Poon, Yuki Yuan, Alan Hamm, Tom Yu, Sandra Tam and Wilbert Lai. Joanna Lo, Chris Collucci, Edmund Tin, Jeffrey Shek, Alan Lo and Royson Ng. Karen Mak, Mandy Zhang, Eric Chan, Ana Chan, Fred Lai and Irwin Li. Karen Ng, Tina Woo and Bill Chen.











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The 2021 ACCE Winners' Club reception, sponsored by BDC, was held on October 28, 2021, at New Century Restaurant. Sponsors, guests, past award winners and ACCE Board of Directors members and advisors are shown.



Keynote speakers Tyler Lockyer, Business Advisor, BDC Advisory Services (left), and David Girolami, Senior Business Advisor, BDC Advisory Services (right), discussed the path of digitization for Canadian entrepreneurs at the 2021 ACCE Winners' Club reception.



President of ACCE Kevin Au-Yeung presented an appreciation certificate to Dave Girolami, BDC.



President of ACCE Kevin Au-Yeung presented an appreciation certificate to Tyler Lockyer, BDC.



Paula Cruickshank, Senior Vice President - Ontario, BDC, presented the lucky draw gifts to the guests.

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ACCE Magnolia Club held the event "Meet the Renowed Canadian Fashion Designer Christopher Bates" on November 5, 2021. From left: Amy Wong, Karen Ng, Christopher Bates, Karen Mak, Kevin Au-Yeung and Edmund Tin.



The ACCE Magnolia Club event was sponsored by Analogmagik and held at Christopher Bates Studio.



The attendees walked the catwalk during the event.



Christopher Bates posed with guests at the ACCE Magnolia Club event.



Guests posed for photos at the ACCE Magnolia Club event.



Past Events Winter 2021



The 2021 ACCE Mandarin Speaking webinar "How can businesses adapt in a post-COVID world?" was held on November 10, 2021, hosted on Zoom.



Panelists at the ACCE Mandarin Speaking webinar. From top left: Kevin Au-Yeung, President & Founder, InnoVision Holdings Corp, and winner of the 2014 ACCE Best International Business Award; Jack Tai, Co-Founder & CEO, OneClass; Dennis Poon, President & CEO, Browne Group Inc., and winner of the 2019 ACCE Best International Business Award; Yan Wang, President, Gemterra Developments Corporation, and winner of the 2018 ACCE Award of Merit; Jingyu Su, Software Developer, Google.



The 2021 ACCE Mandarin Speaking webinar: "How can businesses adapt in a post-COVID world?" was sponsored by Wealth One Bank of Canada.



Panelists and guests at the 2021 ACCE Mandarin Speaking webinar.

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The ACCE-CCGT Stronger Together Project "Building a Stronger Business through Diversity" webinar was held on November 25, 2021, hosted on Zoom. Organized by ACCE and the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto as part of the Stronger Together Project, this webinar discussed the importance of building diverse and inclusive organizations and how to achieve that goal.

Date



Panelists and moderator at the ACCE-CCCGT Stronger Together Project "Building a Stronger Business through Diversity" webinar. From top left: Leslie Woo, CEO of CivicAction; Jessie Ma, Chair of the ACCE Social Issue Committee and event moderator; Andrew Au, Managing Partner of Intercept Group and winner of the 2020/2021 ACCE Most Progressive Award; Cara Inglis, Consumer and Modern Work PR Lead at Microsoft.

Event

Upcoming Events 2022

Thursday, January 20, 2022 ACCE ACCESS Young Entrepreneurs Group Webinar
To be hosted on Hopin

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 2022 ACCE Chinese New Year Celebration
New Century Restaurant, 398 Ferrier Street, Markham, ON

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 2022 ACCE Magnolia Club Event

Saturday, April 23, 2022 2022 ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards Gala
Metro Toronto Convention Centre North Building
255 Front Street W, Toronto, ON

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