



Make an Impact: Build Leadership Capacity for Chinese Canadians

Volunteer for 2022 Aspire to Lead Chinese Canadians Leaders' Summit on Oct 27 - 30

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About ACCT

Established in 2017, the Action, Chinese Canadians Together (ACCT) Foundation builds the capacity of Chinese Canadian leaders committed to creating a more equitable society in Canada.

We facilitate capacity building programs across the country, host leadership conferences such as the *Aspire to Lead Leaders' Summit*, and provide a platform where work in academia can inform work in the community.

We bring together established and emerging Chinese Canadian leaders to collaborate on identifying and breaking down systemic barriers to the full and equal participation of ethno-cultural leaders in Canadian society.

We honour and celebrate the ground breaking achievements of past and present Chinese Canadian leaders in society and equip the next generation of leaders with a keen sense of how their culture shapes and strengthens their leadership.

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About Aspire to Lead Leaders' Summit

The ACCT Aspire to Lead Leaders' Summit started in 2019 with the aim to bring together emerging and established leaders, representing Chinese Canadian achievement from across Canadian society.

ACCT wanted to provide a forum to generate insights and knowledge, and connect inspirational leaders, whose legacy establishes a foundation for lasting impact in efforts, to create a more inclusive and equitable Canada.

At our Summit, participants will:

- be engaged in thought-provoking dialogue with leaders and trailblazers;
- make meaningful connections;
- be supported by a community of leaders to help you on your personal leadership journey; and
- be inspired to lead.





About 2022 Leaders' Summit - Building Resilience and Social Cohesion

**“When the winds of change blow, some people build walls and others build windmills.”
Chinese Proverb**

In times of chaos, how you rise above to stand for what is right and what you believe in shows courage and leadership. Over the past few years, we have witnessed an increase in anti-Asian racism and deeper divisions in our society. As such, this year our Summit's theme is on **Building Resilience and Social Cohesion**.

We believe that Chinese Canadians across Canada have a role to play in building resilience and strengthening social cohesion. This Summit will facilitate that by bringing together leaders from different sectors and communities to guide us on how to overcome adversaries and pave a path forward.

We will start the Summit by raising our awareness and understanding of our role with the Indigenous Peoples and other racialized communities such as the Japanese Canadians. Both communities have strong ties to Chinese Canadians. Now, more than ever, we need to examine how we can be an ally and activate that knowledge in our own leadership journey.

The Summit will then dive deeper into invigorating dialogues with aspiring, emerging and established Chinese Canadian leaders who will share their stories on how they overcame obstacles and became more resilient.



About 2022 Leaders' Summit - Building Resilience and Social Cohesion (continued)

Our aim for this year's in-person Summit is for participants to create meaningful connections, strengthen their leadership skills, and be inspired to take action to build a more inclusive Canada. This year's Summit will also lay the foundation for Summit 2023, which will be the Centennial of the Chinese Exclusion Act.

As the Chinese Proverb goes, **“Don't be afraid to grow slowly, be afraid to stand still.”** This is not the time for us to stand still. This is the time for collective action.

Get ready to be inspired to lead.

Our 2022 Leaders' Summit Co-Chairs

We are thrilled to have Ms. Lai King Hum and Ms. Zexi Li as our Co-Chairs. Both of them demonstrate leadership in the choices they make in their work and personal lives. We cannot think of a better team that can inspire other Chinese Canadians at this Summit.



About Ms. Lai King Hum

“Caring is the only daring” defines Lai’s approach to work and life. Lai founded a boutique law firm in 2014, focused on workplace law, human rights, professional regulation, and litigation.

In addition, Lai is a part-time Deputy Judge, Toronto Small Claims Court, Superior Court of Justice, and President of the Ontario Deputy Judges’ associations. She is also one of the three Counsel in the Discrimination and Harassment Counsel Program (a service funded by the Law Society of Ontario), a service that addresses discrimination and harassment by lawyers or paralegals.

Integral to her work and life is Lai’s commitment to the promotion of diversity and inclusion. She has held roles as past-Chair of the Roundtable of Diversity Associations (RODA), a group of legal associations committed to diversity initiatives, and past-President of the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers (FACL). In recognition of her significant accomplishments in the law and for service to the legal profession, areas of social justice and/or the Asian community, she was awarded the 2020 Distinguished Lawyer Award from FACL.

Our 2022 Leaders' Summit Co-Chairs (continued)



About Ms. Zexi Li

Zexi Li is an Ottawa resident and a federal public servant, who is a lead plaintiff in the class action lawsuit against the “Freedom Convoy”, which illegally occupied the streets of Ottawa and tormented her community for several weeks from late January to February 2022. In the face of targeted harassment and threats as a result of her action, Zexi persists in her goals to effect positive change within Ottawa and give a voice to the countless residents affected by the siege.

Originally from Toronto and later, Montreal, Zexi fell in love with the Nation’s Capital during her studies at the University of Ottawa, and chose to make the city her permanent home following graduation.

Zexi received the City of Ottawa’s Mayor’s City Builder award in 2022 for her role in helping silence trucker horns during the three-week occupation that shook many Centretown residents. The award is given to those who demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to making Ottawa a better place today and for the future.

Our Impact

Attendance from across the country:

More than **400** attendees in 2019
(in-person conference)

More than **300** attendees in 2021
(virtually)



We bring high calibre speakers from across the nation to inspire and engage in invigorating dialogues with our participants:

Past speakers include:

- Government officials such as The Honourable Justin Trudeau, The Honourable Mary Ng, The Honourable Yuen Pau-Woo, Deputy Minister, Daniel Quan-Watson
- Business leaders such as Kathy Cheng (President of WS & Co), Evan Hu (Founding Principal of AltoSante), Yung Wu (CEO of MaRS Discovery District)
- And many more. Visit <https://acctfoundation.ca/summit-2021-speakers> to learn more



Why Volunteer?

Want to contribute your skills to building a more inclusive Canada? Interested in civic leadership, human rights and diversity initiatives? You can lead the way by volunteering at our Summit!

Benefits:



Immerse yourself in the cause

As a volunteer, you will be working alongside Chinese Canadian civic and business leaders to make this Summit a success. You will learn about initiatives and issues affecting the Chinese Canadians community through deep dialogues led by expert speakers. In addition to being surrounded by a supportive and experienced community, you will be contributing to a much larger purpose with ACCT. Get inspired and take action on how together we can increase Chinese Canadians' representation in Canadian society.



Make meaningful connections

Our Summit has brought in prominent speakers and attendees in the past, and this year will be no exception. Volunteering with the Summit will give you the opportunity to speak with successful leaders and learn about their contribution building a more inclusive Canada. The connections you make are invaluable and will undoubtedly help in the journey of your own professional development.



Build skill sets

As the Chinese proverb goes, **“When everybody collects firewood, the flames grow high.”** Our Summit is multifaceted and takes months in planning and with your help, we can achieve greater success. Whether you want to lend your expertise or build a different skill set, there is definitely a project or task for you. By volunteering at the Summit, you will also gain experience working with an organization dedicated to building leadership capacity and increasing representation for Chinese Canadians.



Testimonials from past Summit Volunteers

“I have volunteered for many organizations before. Volunteering for this Summit was vastly different because I was with my own community - Chinese Canadians, who are like me. There was a shared understanding and drive to help build a better Canada.”

“The connections I made through volunteering for the Summit was incredible. I was able to reach out to prominent Chinese Canadians leaders afterwards and continue our conversation, which doesn’t happen often in other conferences.”



Committees you can participate in:

- Marketing and Public Relations
- Sponsorship
- Events logistics
- Others

NOTE: Volunteers who have completed a certain number of hours will be able to attend the Summit for free.

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