



2023

LEADERS' SUMMIT

Building Resilience and Social Cohesion | June 23 - 25, Ottawa, Ontario

ACCT
Foundation

About ACCT

Why is it that Chinese Canadians continue to be underrepresented in governments and corporations, even as the country defines itself by multiculturalism and inclusion?





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Conversations on the glaring underrepresentation of Chinese Canadians in public offices, public services, key institutions, and civic society over recent decades prompted founding members of the Action! Chinese Canadians Together (The ACCT Foundation), to establish an entity in 2017 that would lead the needed deliberations to critically examine the persistent underrepresentation of Chinese Canadians in leadership roles, and to engage and mobilize collective efforts to support those who aspire to lead.

We aim to 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.

About ACCT (continued)

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.



Our Founding Members



**The Honourable
Vivienne Poy**

Former Senator



**The Honourable
Yuen Pau Woo**

Senator



**Honourable Teresa Woo-
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Dr. Henry Yu

Department of History, UBC and
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Our Mission

1. Advancing Chinese **Canadian civic engagement** and **leadership development**;
2. Creating **community resources** and **building capacity**; and
3. **Furthering education** on racial equality of minorities including Chinese Canadians.



Capacity Building

The ACCT Foundation:

- facilitates capacity building programs across the country
- hosts leadership conferences
- provides a platform where work in academia can inform work in the community.



Our Chair



Teresa Woo-Paw is a tireless advocate for diversity, social inclusion and active civic participation. She is known for her ability in bringing diverse people together to joint efforts, break new grounds and create bigger impacts in society.

She is the first Canadian woman of Asian descent elected to the Calgary Board of Education (1995-2000), the Alberta Legislature and Cabinet Minister in Alberta (2008-2015).

Teresa holds a bachelor of arts degree in social work from the University of Calgary. She founded and built eight non-profit entities over a span of 40 plus years including the ACCT Foundation & Asian Canadians Together-ACT2EndRacism National Network; Asian Heritage Foundation, the Ethnocultural Council of Calgary (Action Dignity) and the Calgary Chinese Community Service Association. She has worked with almost 100 organizations in Canada.

Teresa received appointment as the Chair of the Canadian Race Relations Foundation by the Governor in Council in 2018 and is currently Chair of ACCT Foundation and created the Inspire to Lead Leaders' Summit and the Aspire to Act Leadership Training Program; Convener of ACT2EndRacism Network; Co-Chair of Asian Heritage Foundation; Board member of Calgary Arts Foundation; City of Calgary-Tomorrow's Chinatown and Lougheed House Advisory Committees.

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ACCT's Work

ACCT facilitates capacity building programs through its Leadership Institute, including:

- **Aspire to Act Leadership Training**
- **Public Appointments Workshop**
- **Leadership Cohort**
- **Aspire to Lead Leaders' Summit**
- **Wisdom Council**

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.



Aspire to Lead Chinese Canadians Leaders' Summit

- The only conference in Canada that focuses on building leadership capacity for Canadians of Chinese descent
- 2023 Summit will be held in **Ottawa - June 23-25, 2023** in commemoration of the Centennial of the Chinese Exclusion Act.



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



Testimonials from past participants

“This Summit gave me the sense of pride of being Chinese Canadian.”

“...the whole event was inspirational and mind changing”

“Thank you ACCT for putting on this Summit. This truly is a place for Chinese Canadians to share their experiences and elevate their leadership skills.”



National Remembrance Event on June 23

- A National Remembrance event will be held in the Senate of Canada Chamber to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the passing of the Chinese Exclusion Act.
- This event will also be livestreamed from the Senate of Canada building and community members across the nation are invited to host viewing parties to participate.
- A commemorative plaque will be unveiled as part of the ceremony with the intent to have it installed permanently in the newly renovated Centre Block of the Parliament of Canada.
- Following the event, ACCT, Senator Woo, and the Senate of Canada invite attendees to a reception in the Senate of Canada Building, celebrating Chinese Canadian history through song, dance, poetry, and a historic exhibition. Light refreshments will be provided.
- The consequences of the Chinese Exclusion Act will continue to be discussed throughout the Summit on June 24 and 25.



June 24-25 Program

The theme this year is on resilience and building social cohesion. We will bring together intergenerational Chinese Canadian leaders from across Canada to develop resources to empower current and future generations of Chinese-Canadian civic leaders.

We will start the Summit with an intercultural dialogue on what it means to bear witness to what has happened to other racialized groups and how Chinese Canadians can become allies in their own leadership journey. We will then dive deeper into leadership topics that will include:

- Chinese Canadians in Unexpected Places
- Do you know what you don't know?
- Being comfortable in your own skin

This gathering of Chinese Canadian leaders will provide a forum to share experiences, discuss current thinking, develop insights on leadership, and spark collaborations to support lasting collective impact.

The Summit will then end with a roundtable on Saving Canada's Disappearing Chinatowns.

Program Specific Naming Sponsor

Exclusive presenter: \$25,000

Co-presenters: \$10,000

You have the opportunity to be a presenter for a specific program, including:

- Live Streaming of the Remembrance of the Centennial of the Chinese Exclusion Act
- Inter-cultural dialogue on resilience and social cohesion
- National Roundtable on Saving Canada's Disappearing Chinatowns
- National Remembrance Day Event Commissioned Arts Programs
- Leadership Summit Accessibility Fund
- Closing Keynote by Eric Liu - Founder of Citizen University, a non-profit organization promoting civics education and awareness. He served as Deputy Assistant to President Clinton for Domestic Policy at the White House between 1999 and 2000. He served as Speechwriter and Director of Legislative Affairs for the National Security Council at the White House from 1993 to 1994.

Levels and Recognition

Benefits	Platinum \$25,000 +	Gold \$10,000	Silver \$5,000	Bronze \$3,000	Friends \$500 - \$990
Attend national event at the Senate	4	3	1	1	
Speaking opportunity	✓	Introduces Speaker			
Company logo featured on our website and pamphlets	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Recognition on our social media channels	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tickets to the Leaders' Summit	12	6	3	2	1
Tickets to the Training Program	12	6	3	2	1
<small>*Note that this can be tailored according to the sponsors' interest</small>					

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