



# ACCT Foundation

ACTION! CHINESE CANADIANS TOGETHER

2026 Aspire to Lead Chinese Canadians®  
**LEADERS' SUMMIT**  
May 15-17, Waterloo, Ontario | Sponsorship Package  
**Chinese Canadian Leadership, Belonging, and the Future We Shape**

# ABOUT “ASPIRE TO LEAD” CHINESE CANADIANS LEADERS’ SUMMIT



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

# 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 “ASPIRE TO LEAD” CHINESE CANADIANS LEADERS’ SUMMIT

- The only conference in Canada that focuses on building leadership capacity for Canadians of Chinese descent.
- The 2026 Summit will be held in Waterloo, Ontario on May 15-17, 2026 in recognition of Asian Heritage Month.



# ABOUT ACCT FOUNDATION



## 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 (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

We honour and celebrate the ground-breaking achievements of past and present Chinese-Canadian leaders in society

&

equip the next generation of leaders with a keen sense of how their culture shapes and strengthens their leadership.

# OUR FOUNDING MEMBERS



**The Honorable  
Vivienne Poy**  
First Senator of  
Asian Descent



**The Honorable  
Yuen Pau Woo**  
Senator



**Honorable  
Teresa Woo-Paw**  
**Executive Council  
of Alberta**

Founding Board Chair  
and Former MLA and  
Cabinet Member



**David S. Tam**  
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**Dr. Henry Yu**  
Department of  
History, UBC and  
Principal, St. John's  
College, UBC



**The Action, Chinese Canadians Together Foundation (ACCT Foundation) is a national non-profit charity dedicated to identifying and responding to racism and discrimination that is a barrier to the full and equitable participation of Chinese Canadians in the public, cultural, economic, social and other spheres of life in Canada.**

# OUR MISSION



**Our mission is to empower Chinese Canadians to participate, engage and have pride in all spheres of contemporary Canadian society and ensure Chinese Canadian representation in building an equitable and inclusive Canada.**

# OUR STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

Advancing  
Chinese-Canadian  
leadership  
engagement and  
development.

2

Creating  
community  
resources  
and building  
capacity.

3

Furthering  
education on  
racial equality of  
minorities including  
Chinese Canadians.



# 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-National Council of Asian Canadians; 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 LEADERSHIP INITIATIVES

ACCT FOUNDATION 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



# OUR IMPACT

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

## PAST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

**400+**

Attendees in  
2019 (in-person  
conference)

**300+**

Attendees in  
2021 (virtual  
conference)

**350+**

Attendees in  
2023 (in-person  
conference)

### GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS:

- The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
- The Honourable Mary Ng
- The Honourable Dr. Vivienne Poy
- Deputy Minister, Daniel Quan-Watson

And many more. Visit <https://acctfoundation.ca/> to learn more.

### BUSINESS LEADERS:

- Kathy Cheng (President of WS & Co)
- Evan Hu (Founding Principal of AltoSante)
- Yung Wu (CEO of MaRS Discovery District)



# TESTIMONIALS FROM PAST PARTICIPANTS

**“** — **...the whole event was inspirational and mind-changing.**

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

**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.**

(The Aspire to Act program) has allowed me to be more confident in my own voice, honour my own Chinese roots, and seek out leadership opportunities to further the wellbeing for next generations.

**The Aspire to Act program allowed me to deeply examine the needs of the group of people I am passionate about serving. In my case, they are seniors who came to Canada to reunite with their children and who encounter challenges with language, culture shock, a lack of healthcare knowledge, and financial barriers to structured facility living when required. After spending quite some time analyzing and applying critical thinking skills, I was able to reframe my focus and take action to lead services for these seniors in their familiar home environment with subsidized funding.**

# ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH



**“Asian Heritage Month is an opportunity for us to learn more about the diverse culture and history of Asian communities in Canada, as well as to acknowledge the many achievements and contributions of people of Asian origin who, throughout our history, have done so much to make Canada the country we know and love” (Government of Canada, 2025).**



**The Honourable Dr. Vivienne Poy is the first Canadian senator of Asian descent whose motion led to the declaration of May as Asian Heritage Month by the Government of Canada.**

# **MAY 15-17 PROGRAM**

**Through keynotes, panels, mentor circles, breakout sessions, and actions planning, established and emerging leaders will dialogue, share perspectives, insights and experiences on leadership advancement of Chinese Canadians and address the persistent underrepresentation of Chinese Canadians in leadership in all sphere of Canadian society.**

**Participants of the Summit will be comprised of approximately:**

**30%**  
prominent, established Canadian leaders of Chinese descent

**50%**  
mid-career, aspiring leaders of Chinese descent

**20%**  
students (post-secondary)

# ACCT FOUNDATION'S CIVIC LEADERSHIP DEFINITION

**Civic leadership is being engaged in any transformational activity that works collaboratively with others to address issues affecting the common good.**

**Civic leaders share collective responsibility for making positive impact and progress in the lives of citizens, communities, organizations, and systems.**

**ACCT Foundation believes the Chinese Canadian centred cultural identity narrative to leadership advancement is an essential and innovative approach to address the Canadian challenge of diversity in leadership.**

**We ground our conversations, analyses and actions with Chinese Canadian experiences, knowledge, and perspectives.**

**“The impact of our efforts is defined by more Canadians of Chinese descent reaching their full potential and contributing to an equitable and inclusive Canada.”**

# LEVELS AND RECOGNITION

Benefits	Platinum \$25 000 +	Gold \$10 000	Silver \$5000	Bronze \$3000	Friends \$1000
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 <small>*Note that this can be tailored according to sponsors' interest</small>	12	6	3	2	1

# KEY BENEFITS FOR SPONSORS

Chinese Canadians play a important role across business, culture, and public life. With ACCT Foundation's trusted role at the intersection of community, policy, and leadership, your support can drive meaningful national impact.

## High-Visibility Brand Positioning

Boost your brand with a trusted national organization and reach accomplished and emerging leaders across sectors.

## Talent, Diversity, and Innovation Advantage

Foster inclusive leadership and attract top talent by supporting meaningful, future-focused initiatives.

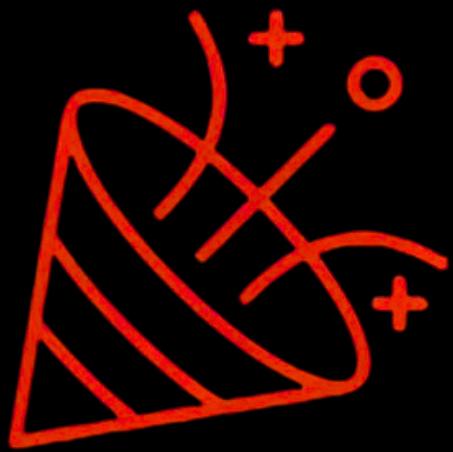
## Strategic Relationship-Building

Connect directly with policymakers, industry leaders, and one of Canada's most diverse leadership networks.

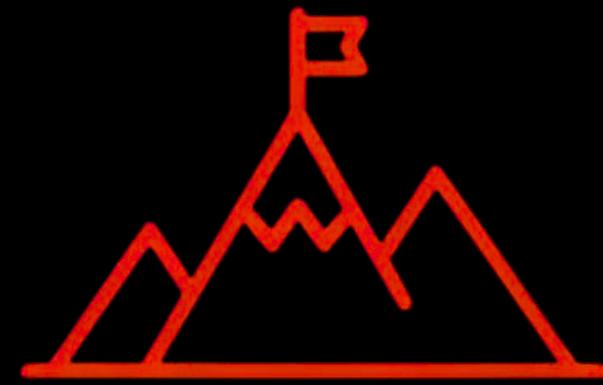
## Creating Broad Impact

Drive national conversations on equity and help strengthen leadership pathways that shape our nation.

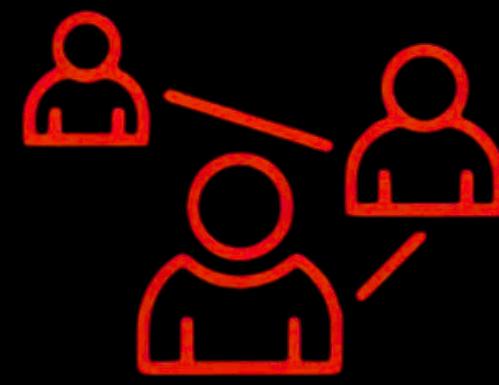
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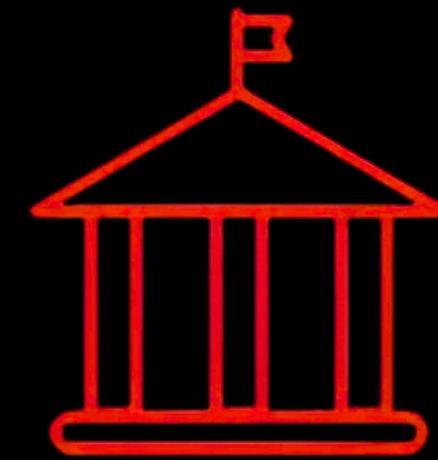
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celebrate  
Chinese-Canadian  
achievements**



**Inspire and  
empower  
established and  
emerging leaders**



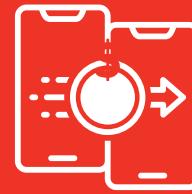
**Support  
sustainable  
leadership  
advancement and  
mentorship**



**Expand ACCT's  
leadership  
training program**

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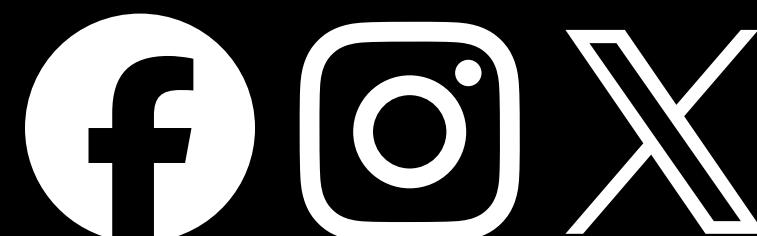
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# APPENDIX

**Past participants of Aspire to Lead: Chinese Canadian Leaders' Summit 2019, 2021 and 2023-National Remembrance of Centenary of Chinese Exclusion Act in Canada Senate Chamber and Leaders' Summit in Ottawa.**

## **Governments:**

**Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, 29th Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Senator Dr. Vivienne Poy, The Honourable Mary Ng, former Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade and Economic Development of Canada., MP Michael Chong, the Honourable Gary Mar, former Sask Green Party leader Victor Lau AB Dep Minister Beverly Yee, Mayor Olivia Chow, Assistant Deputy Ministers-Erica Tao, Isabella Chan and Winnie Man Pang, MPP Kristy Wong-Tam, former Councillor Sandra Yeung-Racco, Citizen Judge [39 years in Canadian military] Albert Wong, Tessica Truong (BC Min Advisory);**

## **Corporate leaders:**

**Wayne Chiu [Order of Canada] of Trico Groups, Yung Wu (CEO of MaRS Discovery District), Evan Hu (Founding Principal of AltoSante), Kathy Cheng (President of WS & Co), Dentons managing partner George Tai, VP Canada Post-Michael Yee;**

## **Academics:**

**Dr. Lili Liu-Dean of Health (University of Waterloo), Dean of Business (Algoma University) Dr. William Wei, Dr. Henry Yu (Principal, St.John's college-UBC), Dr. Tina Chen (Vice Provost U Manitoba-Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and Dean of History), Dr. SiuMing Kwok (Associate Dean of Social Work (U Calgary), Dr. Dora Tam, Fred Lee, Director of Alumni Engagement at the University of British Columbia;**

**Arts:**

**President & CEO of Calgary Arts Development-Dr. Patti Pon, Chan Hon Goh, Goh Ballet academy & Youth Company Canada, award winning artists Chris Tse, Karen Cho, Shawn Tse;**

**Journalists:**

**Judy Trinh, Jonathan Loo;**

**Public sector:**

**Chief of Police KaiLiu, Treaty Three Police Service, Dep Police Chief Peter Yuen, Howard Jang, VP-Banff Ctr for Arts & Creativity, Dr. Lawrence Low, Medical Officer of Health (Peel Region), Lai-King Hum, Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers, Carol Lee [Order of Canada, Vancouver Chinatown Foundation], Allan Ma [sports], Dr. Samantha Louie-Poon [health], Tung Chan, Director of Can Foundation of Economic Education;**

**2023 events:**

**250 leaders of Chinese descent including, Gov General Simon, Senate House leader, Senator Dr. Vivienne Poy, Minister Mary Ng, Senators Pau Woo and Victor Oh, Fed Dep Minister Daniel Quan-Watson [first and only], MLA [BC liberal leader candidate] Michael Lee, Order of Canada recipients -Brandt Louie, Dr. Joseph Wong (Order of Canada);**

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