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

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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.

The ACCT Foundation 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.
- The 2026 Summit will be held in Waterloo, Ontario on May 15-17, 2026 in recognition of Asian Heritage Month.



The Honourable Mary Ng, former Cabinet Minister, Government of Canada; Michael Lee, former MLA and Liberal Party leader candidate BC; Daniel Quan-Watson, first and former Federal Deputy Minister of Chinese descent; Distinguished fellow of Canada School of Public Service; Dr. Jia Hu, family physician and public health and preventive medicine specialist; Michael Yee, VP Finance, Canada Post

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About ACCT Foundation

Conversations on the glaring underrepresentation of Chinese Canadians in public offices, public services, business and social organizations, 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 Foundation (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.



Participants of 2023 Leaders' Summit in Ottawa

Our Founding Members



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



**The Honorable
Yuen Pau Woo**
Senator



**Honorable
Teresa Woo-Paw**
**Executive Council
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Cabinet Member



David S. Tam
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Dr. Henry Yu
Department of
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Our Purpose Statement

To identify and respond to racism and discrimination that is contrary to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Canadian Human Rights Act and provincial and territorial human rights legislation 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 by:

- 1. Raising public awareness about the existence, reality, impacts and costs of anti Chinese Canadian discrimination in Canada;**
- 2. Developing and using support mechanisms for those who have experienced anti Chinese Canadian discrimination and racism and for institutions and employers to assist in overcoming barriers that have limited or precluded the full and equitable participation of Chinese Canadians in ways that fail to respect Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms or federal, provincial and territorial human rights legislation; and**
- 3. Developing and disseminating research and educational materials, and undertaking training and related activities required to support the achievement of these purposes noted above.**

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 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.

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.”

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ACCT Foundation's Leadership Initiatives

ACCT Foundation facilitates capacity-building through:

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



Our Impact



400+

Attendees in
2019 (in-person
conference)

300+

Attendees in
2021 (virtual
conference)

350+

Attendees in
2023 (in-person
conference)

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

Past speakers include:

- Government officials such as The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, The Honourable Mary Ng, The Honourable Dr. Vivienne Poy, 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/> 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.”



“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 (AHM)



“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

This year's theme focuses on Chinese Canadian leadership, addressing belonging and Chinese Canadians' roles in shaping the future of Canada. During this three-day conference, established and emerging leaders will 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.

The Summit will begin with context-setting through presentations about relevant issues and trends in the present and future, including information about the current state of Chinese Canadian leadership.

We will then dive deeper through keynote speakers, panel discussions, table discussions, and action labs with leadership topics that will include:

- What is this moment asking of us?**
- The challenge to increase Chinese Canadian civic leadership by 2030**
- What does it mean to lead when you may be the only one like you in the room?**

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.

Levels and Recognition

Benefits	Platinum \$25 000 +	Gold \$10 000	Silver \$5000	Bronze \$3000	Friends \$1000
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.

Your Sponsorship Support Will:



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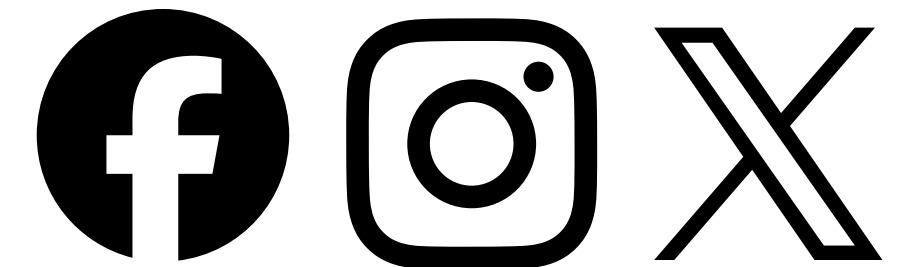
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Past participants of **Aspire to Lead: Chinese Canadian Leaders' Summit 2019, 2021 and 2023-National Remembrance of Centenary of Chinese Exclusion Act in Canada Senate Chamber and Leaders' Summit in Ottawa.**

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;

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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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