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Record number of participants sign on for an emotional summit to share stories of unique experiences of growing up Chinese in Canada and work together to increase representation by 2025.

June 30, 2021, Calgary, AB- *ACCT (Action Chinese Canadians Together) Foundation wraps up a successful virtual summit bringing together Canadians of Chinese descent to foster connections, to learn and inspire to lead. The sessions ended with an action plan to increase representation by 2025.*

The 2021 Leaders' Summit occurred virtually over 5 days in June bringing together Canadians of Chinese descent to foster connections, to learn, and to inspire and to share stories. Participants were aspiring, emerging or established influencers, philanthropists, academics, entrepreneurs and others.

ACCT founder Teresa Woo-Paw said, "We had more participants than ever before. It tells me our community is energized. Our conversations were deep about systemic barriers to underrepresentation of Chinese leaders and how we can and must change that going forward. We got to work and came up with an action plan. Our landscape will look dramatically different by 2025 because diversity matters."

Each day included presentations from leaders in the arts, political and advocacy communities. Break out sessions included conversations on:

- What a seat at the table means for Chinese Canadians;
- The leadership needs of younger Chinese Canadians;
- The development of a national action plan to restore and rebuild Chinatowns.

The final day included action plans focused on building strategic alliances, mentorship, leadership training, advocacy and communication within Chinese Canadian communities. The networking sessions also included a fireside chat with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and presentations from Chinese leaders such as the Honourable Senator Yuen Pau Woo and others.

ACCT provides resources for targets of racism and is a partner of ACT2endracism, a national network founded in April 2020 to respond to rising anti-Asian racism due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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