ACCT 2022-23 Annual Report

2022-2023 ACCT Foundation entered our fifth year as a national organization dedicated in engaging and empowering Chinese Canadians to participate in building an equitable and inclusive Canada and be represented and have pride in all spheres of contemporary Canadian society. We worked towards this mission by enhancing Chinese Canadian civic engagement and leadership advancement, building community capacities, and furthering racial equality education.

Enhancing Chinese Canadian civic engagement and leadership advancement 2022-2023

ACCT Foundation organized a high level leaders' roundtable in the fall of 2022 with 35 Canadian leaders of Chinese descent from public offices, senior government leaders and leaders from academia, business, community and social services, justice, health, legal as well as policy makers to a conversation to identify factors for the underrepresentation of Chinese Canadians in leadership roles, share perspectives on specific issues and challenges facing Canadians of Chinese descent now and in the near future, and addressing barriers to Chinese Canadians' equitable advancement in leadership.

The leaders' roundtable provided a platform for Canadian leaders of Chinese descent to share their leadership journeys, collected inputs and insights from leaders representing various sectors, and strengthened the connections and network amongst Chinese Canadian leaders.

ACCT Foundation delivered the Aspire to Act Leadership Training Program, the Public Appointment Intensive Workshop, and the Understanding Systemic Change workshop to aspired leaders from across the country. We deeply appreciate the passion and generous support from Chinese Canadian leaders from various disciplines sharing their wisdom and experiences with our program participants.

ACCT Foundation continued to champion the national effort to save Canada's disappearing Chinatowns. The third National Roundtable on Saving Canada's Disappearing Chinatown was held in person with support from the Canadian Race Relations Foundation. ACCT commissioned a report with submissions from twelve Chinatowns which was provided to the government for consideration.

ACCT Foundation and Dr. Lloyd Wong, professor emeritus from University of Calgary, made a joint submission to the National Program of Historical Commemoration nominating the Chinese Immigration Act of 1923 (or the Chinese Exclusion Act) to the National Program of Historical Commemoration.

We engaged Senators Pau Woo and Victor Oh to collaborate in organizing a National Remembrance of the centenary of the Chinese Exclusion Act. The organizing committee was chaired by a member of ACCT Board of Directors, Judge Albert Wong. The National event would also engage Canadians from across the country in remembrance of the passing of the Chinese Exclusion Act and learn about the social consequences of the act to Canada and Canadians of Chinese descent.

Building Community Capacity

To meet the gap in research/services for immigrants affected by the trauma of racism, ACCT in partnership with ACT2endracism proposed a research, resource development/training, and advocate training program for service

providers, "Building anti-racism capacity through mental health research, resources and training", which was funded by Government of Canada Immigration Refugee Citizenship. A national survey was conducted in the fall of 2022 with over 500 respondents generating evidence correlating racism with physiological and social well-being for those who experienced racist incidents. The primary project outcome was to build the anti-racism capacity of settlement agencies in delivering coordinated, anti-racist settlement and community services. In turn, communities/public institutions foster welcoming environments for immigrants. Project partners include academic/public institutions, evaluators, and settlement agencies.

With support from the Government of Canada's Anti-Racism Action Program, ACCT Foundation engaged Asian Canadian Educators' Network, community partners and educators from Atlantic Canada, Prairie region, and British Columbia to recognize Asian Heritage Month 2023 with discussions and activities on anti-Asian racism for students in 15 classes from the above-mentioned regions. The project received highly positive feedback from educators and recognitions from education system leaders.

Racial Equity Education

ACCT Foundation continues to lead and actively support efforts against anti-Asian racism and anti-Asian hate in Canada. We continue to provide critical support to the operation of the Asian Canadian Together -ACT2EndRacism national network which ACCT helped create during the onset of the COVID pandemic in response to the re-emergence of anti-Asian racism.

Our efforts also include community and public education, presentations at conferences and participate in public dialogues and consultations. We continue to strengthen the connections and working relationships with members of the Network from across Canada.

2022-2023 marked another year of major growth and development for ACCT Foundation. ACCT Foundation is working with a growing team of dedicated and experienced contractors supported by a small but highly capable administrative team.

ACCT Foundation's ability to accomplish initiatives at the national, multi-region levels as an emerging small non-profit organization is credits to the hard work of the ACCT staff team and board members, our extensive community network and partners, the ACCT framework, and practice on community outreach, education, engagement, and collaboration.

At this time of social, cultural, and political flux, ACCT Foundation endeavors to provide leadership and support to advance the greater good of social justice, equity and inclusion while building our organizational capacity for long term sustainability and stability.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of ACCT Foundation, we extend our most sincere appreciation for the support from our funders, donors, and sponsors as well as the contributions from our staff and volunteers.

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