

Welcome Message

Welcome to the May edition of our newsletter. This month, we take a moment to recognize Asian Heritage Month — an opportunity to reflect on and appreciate the diverse histories, cultures, and contributions of Asian communities.

We hope you find this issue informative and engaging, and that it offers a meaningful connection to the work we're collectively a part of. Thank you for your continued interest and support.

Warm regards,
Teresa Woo-Paw
Chair, ACCT Foundation

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KICKING OFF

Asian Heritage Month

As we kick off Asian Heritage Month 2025, we celebrate the vibrant contributions of Asian Canadians and honour a legacy of service and resilience. This year's theme, "Asian Canadian Legacy: We Contribute. We Serve," highlights the enduring impact of Asian communities across the country. The ACCT Foundation, in partnership with the Asian Heritage Foundation and other trailblazing organizers, is committed to fostering awareness of the rich history and contributions of Asian Canadians, while also raising issues that continue to affect their full participation in Canadian society.

Together, we continue this legacy — building a more inclusive, equitable, and diverse Canada where every voice and contribution is recognized and valued.

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Announcements

ANTI-ASIAN RACISM IN CANADA: A HISTORY OF EXCLUSION, A CALL TO ACTION

Anti-Asian Discrimination In Canada: Key Insights

Discrimination Tracker

Commissioned by the ACCT Foundation
Sources: Dr. Paul Holey and Ravindra Shrestha

Anti-Chinese and Anti-Asian discrimination continue to affect many communities in Canada. Recent surveys show over 60% of Chinese and Filipino women, and nearly half of South Asian men, have faced discrimination — especially in workplaces and public spaces. The COVID-19 pandemic intensified these issues, yet public attention has since declined, even though the problem persists. A 2024 Statistics Canada survey reported that 54% of Chinese Canadians experienced discrimination up to a year after the pandemic. To address this, the ACCT Foundation will collaborate with like-minded organizations to advocate for inclusive policies, including anti-racism measures in retail, employment equity, and community-based support.

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Evolution of the ACT2EndRacism Network - National Council of Asian Canadians

This timely initiative underscores the urgent need to recognize Asian Canadians' contributions and address the ongoing realities of anti-Asian racism and hate. With growing calls for equity and inclusion, the formation of the National Council of Asian Canadians is both salient and necessary. Through education, research, and public awareness, the Council aims to advance a more just society where all Canadians can fully participate. It also plays a key role in celebrating Asian Canadian heritage — especially through Asian Heritage Month and other national initiatives.

More to come...

Issues & Outcomes

Saving Chinatowns

ACCT Foundation is recognized as one of Canada's key leaders in saving Canada's disappearing Chinatowns. We collaborated with federal departments, Ministers' offices, and local communities to design support options and funding proposals. Our work brought together diverse stakeholders, ensuring Chinese Canadian voices are central in decisions affecting these important cultural sites. The proposal is now under consideration in the federal budgeting process.

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Partner Highlight

Established in Montreal in 2011 by a group of Chinese Canadian entrepreneurs and professionals, the [Jiu Ding Foundation](#) is a registered Canadian charity dedicated to empowering the next generation of Chinese Canadian leaders. Each year, the Foundation awards \$6,000 scholarships to outstanding university students of Chinese descent in Quebec and Ontario.

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Save The Date

“**Eating Bitterness: The Canadian Journey from Exclusion to Inclusion**” is a national exhibition that explores the Chinese Canadian experience—from the hardships of the Chinese Exclusion Act to powerful stories of resilience and triumph. Through images, videos, and interactive elements, visitors engage with the lasting impact of anti-Chinese legislation and its legacy. Supported by the retired Senator Dr. Vivienne Poy, Government of Canada and the Canadian Race Relations Foundation, the exhibition welcomed over 5,500 attendees, including 2,000 students and 250 participants in cultural dialogues. Its goal is to foster reflection and conversation on Canada's ongoing journey toward inclusion and equity.

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