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BC's Apology to Chinese Canadians

On May 15, 2014, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia finally passed a motion to apologize to Chinese Canadians for the historical wrongs against BC's Chinese Canadian Community.

Though BC was the province chiefly concerned, the two most important laws that discriminated against Chinese immigrants were passed by the Parliament of Canada, deeply affecting Canada as a whole.

According to the BC apology, past BC governments enacted more than 100 laws, regulations and policies directed against the Chinese from 1871 to 1947. The head tax, for example, was used as an oppressive economic disincentive to Chinese immigration.

The apology motion took an extensive three-month consultation process, where 1,300 people attended a series of seven forums throughout the province, to

ensure that the formal apology be done properly.

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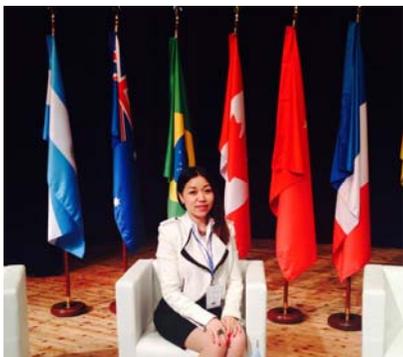
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“We can't undo the actions of the past – but we can acknowledge them, apologize, and learn from them,” said Premier Christy Clark. “Today, we rightly recognize and celebrate cultural diversity – and that's why all sides of the legislature were able to come together to offer our deepest regrets to members of the Chinese community for historic wrongs.”

The apology was seen as an essential step towards reconciliation.

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2014 G20 Youth Forum: Tana Chen's First Hand Experience



(Tana Chen at 2014 G20 Youth Forum Conference)

Tana Chen, 22, from Ordos, Inner Mongolia, is currently a Camosun College student, working to complete her Diploma in Business Administration. She first studied in China, to prepare for her education abroad, before coming to Canada in August 2011. Tana professes that although life abroad without her family is difficult, her international experience and education are assets that will ensure her future is complete with opportunity and success.

As case and point, this year Tana was nominated by Camosun College's School of Business-Economic Department to attend the 2014 G20 Youth Forum. Upon receiving an invitation, Camosun College's International Department sponsored her to attend.

The G20 Youth forum is an international non-governmental civil society project of G8 & G20 Alumni Association, aimed to represent independent views and opinions of young leader from different countries. The 2014 G20 Youth Forum, which took place during May 7-11th, in Garmisch Parettenkirchen, Germany, was the largest international event organized for young leaders in 2014. Attendees and participants included young leaders, students and academics, business representatives, and governments, from more than 50 countries.

This years G20 Youth Forum had 3 main events, which ran in tandem with each other: (1) G20 Youth Summit-Communiqué, (2) Conference-Publication of academic articles in the Conference Proceedings, and (3) International Young Parliamentarians' Debate-Joint Statement. At the Conference, Tana presented her own paper titled "Canadian Economic Impact on International Students." At the joint sessions, 3 topics were discussed in detail, allowing the participants to outline the problems and issues of each, and provide recommendations. The topics discussed were "Problems of Youth Entrepreneurship," "Innovations for Sustainable Development," and "Global Migration Issues: Culture Dimension." The results of the sessions were then disseminated throughout the world and shared, in particular, with the G20 Heads of States and leading international organizations, such as IMF, World Bank, OECD, European Commission, and the United Nations.

During the G20 Youth Forum, Tana had the opportunity to meet many talented students, knowledgeable professors and aggressive young leaders, from all over the world. Tana stated that, "Their passion for their organization and their academic field, and even their contribution to society, influenced [her] and made [her] realize that [her] contribution to [her] organizations and [her] society are still not enough." Tana also became more aware of the importance of strong communication and self-introduction as important tools to compel people to remember you after only short introductions.



Tana very much enjoyed her experience at the 2014 G20 Youth Forum. She recommends that other students pursue the same opportunity, even if they themselves are not nominated, as they can apply for themselves. Tana emphasizes that the forum provides youth the opportunity to have their own behaviour and thoughts influence their friends, community, society, country and even the world, to make it a better place.

(Information and photos provided by:
Tana Chen)

Happenings



TD Victoria International JazzFest

June 20 - 29, 2014

Victoria, BC

<http://jazzvictoria.ca/jazz-fest>

The TD Victoria International JazzFest is a 10 day music festival featuring the jazz, blues and world music of local, Canadian, and internationally acclaimed musicians. The “grandfather” of music festivals serving the communities in the Vancouver Island and Gulf Islands region, this TD sponsored jazz festival offers its devoted audience a wide scope of programming comparable to much larger music festivals in significantly larger urban areas. Since its inception in 1985, the festival has been presented and produced by the Victoria Jazz Society. The festival will celebrate its 30th anniversary in 2014.

VICTORIA CHINESE COMMERCE ASSOCIATION

Next Meeting: Wed. June 18, 2014

Don Mee Restaurant - 538 Fisgard St
Victoria, BC

Mix & Mingle 5:30 pm

Dinner 6:00 pm

Pre-Register \$25.00 (online

vcca.ca)

At Door \$35.00



Special Guest Speaker

Ken Kelly, DVBA

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New projects on the go...including the need for volunteers for the 2014 Chinatown Night Market!

Find out more: Check website www.vcca.ca for more information on that and the regular meetings.

Victoria Chinatown Lions Club

If you wish to serve the community, the Victoria Chinatown Lions Club meets every second and fourth Wednesday at Golden City Restaurant. Contact Art Quon at art.quon@rbc.com or Alan Yuen at yuenfam@shaw.ca

Victoria Chinatown Lioness Club

Meetings are second Monday of the month at Golden City Restaurant.. You will need to contact their president for more info. This is a very active club which has won awards for its philanthropy.

Victoria Chinatown Care Foundation

Mandate is to support and fundraise for the needs of the Victoria Chinatown Care Centre located in Chinatown. Volunteers for fundraising events. For information on the foundation go to www.chinatowncarefoundation.com

Victoria Chinese Messenger

You can also volunteer by submitting foodie tips, articles and photos of Victoria things, places and events for posting on our facebook or online publications.

Canadian Government On a New Immigrant Investment Pilot

Canada's Citizenship and Immigration Minister Chris Alexander met late May 2014 with business leaders in Canada's financial capital to discuss plans for a new immigrant investor pilot program that will make significant investments in Canada and fuel the growth of our economy.

The government is seeking advice from business leaders across the country on the key elements of a new Immigrant Investor Venture Capital pilot led by Industry Minister James Moore. Today's meetings in Toronto are the first of a series of stakeholder roundtables that will be held in Halifax, Montreal, Calgary and Vancouver over the coming weeks.

These roundtables will advance the government's proposal in Economic Action Plan 2014 to terminate the outdated federal Immigrant Investor Program (IIP) and Federal Entrepreneur (EN) Program, eliminate their longstanding application backlogs, and create new innovative pilot programs that meet Canada's economic needs.

Quick facts

- In Economic Action Plan (EAP) 2014, the government announced that it will terminate the IIP and EN programs and eliminate their application backlogs.
- The new Immigrant Investor Venture Capital pilot will be more focused and effective ensuring immigrants who come to Canada deliver real benefits to the Canadian economy.
- The current IIP has an inventory of more than 62,000 persons, larger than any other economic immigration program. At current levels, it would take more than six years to process this inventory.

Quote

“Our government is committed to attracting business people with the right skills and bringing in new investment capital that has a real impact on our economy. We look forward to the launch of a new Immigrant Investor Venture Capital pilot that will add true value and create a win-win scenario for both Canada and newcomers interested in making real investments in our great country.”

Chris Alexander, Canada’s Citizenship and Immigration Minister

“Supporting Canada’s best and brightest entrepreneurs and business startups is a priority for our government. That is why we have taken action to update programs and reach out through consultations to build a successful plan that takes advantage of the benefits Canada has to offer: ambitious entrepreneurs, a strong economy and a sound banking system. A key objective of our government is to ensure that capital is available to help finance the creation and growth of Canada’s most promising enterprises.”

James Moore, Minister of Industry Canada

(Information from Citizenship and Immigration Canada – News Online)

(This summary is prepared by Sarina Hoi, BA, MA, RCIC of Ocean Pacific Immigration Associates Ltd. from information from the CIC website. To contact Sarina Hoi email: shoi@oceanpacificca.com or through www.oceanpacificca.com.)

Foodies

Our online version is regularly updated with a “Foodie” comments section. Here are some snippets for your “digestion”:

“...ok where can you get some key lime pie? So far the best can be found in Stevenston, but locally Brown’s Social house has one on its menu...”

“...still liking the dumplings at Raymond’s add some of their own hot sauce and voila you have a taste and decent heat sensation...”

“...a new tapas coming – Bodega Tapa & Wine.. gonna to be right next to the existing famous Tapas Bar in trounce alley...”

“... local Japanese? Try the Phoenix Roll for some crunch, warmth and more. One of our favorite rolls at Itami on View...”

“... so don’t forget the Hotel Grand Pacific provides award winning fine dining under Executive Chef Rick Choy... there you can enjoy some great wines with their inventive creations...”

“...spicy seafood noodle soup - have you had some healthy noodle soup at Shanghai Noodle on Quadra Street yet?... just across from Crystal Pool...”

“... the pear pecan salad at Glo is worth going for... especially during their happy hour appy time...”

“...the keg after 9 pm has some good and inexpensive appy’s...”

“... have you tried the spicy sichuan chicken at Hong Kong west?...”

“...or what about the deep fried chicken bits at La Tea Ah on Fort...”

“... still got Don Mee’s on my list for dim sum, particularly the traditionally Cantonese ones...”

“...osyter fest coming June 20 at the Coast hotel, just outside from the blue crab...a must for those

who love oysters and proceeds go to Elder Care Foundation...”



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