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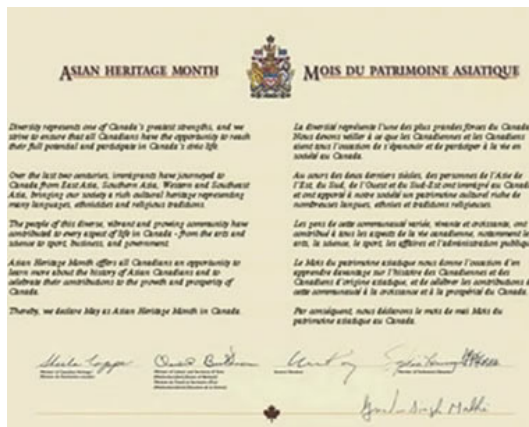
MAY IS ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH

May 2012 Victoria

May is Asian Heritage Month. This acknowledges the long and rich history of Asian Canadians and their contributions to Canada. It also provides an opportunity for Canadians across the country to reflect on and celebrate the contributions of Canadians of Asian heritage to the growth and prosperity of Canada.

to celebrate the beauty and wisdom of various Asian cultures.

Asian Heritage Month has been celebrated in the United States since 1979. Over the past decade, many Asians in Canada have begun to celebrate their heritage during the month of May. In December 2001, the Senate adopted a motion proposed by Senator Vivienne Poy to officially designate May as Asian Heritage Month in Canada. In May 2002, the Government of Canada signed an official declaration to designate May as Asian Heritage Month.



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Canada's cultural diversity strengthens the country socially, politically and economically in innumerable ways. Asian Heritage Month is an ideal occasion for all

Asian Heritage Month Cont'd....

Canadians are invited to take part in the events that honour the legacy of Canadians of Asian heritage. It is a time to participate in festivities across the country that celebrate the many achievements and contributions of Canadians of Asian heritage, who, throughout history, have done so much to make Canada the culturally diverse, compassionate and prosperous nation we know today. (From CIC website)

Chinatown Night Market 2012 Youtube Karaoke Contest

May, 2012 Victoria

It's time to trade in the shower handle and take up the microphone. The contest is open for youtube entries. All residents of greater Victoria are eligible to sign their hearts out.

The Chinatown Market is organized by the Victoria Chinese Commerce Association and is part of the City of Victoria 150 year celebrations.

Entries are by youtube video which will follow the rules of the contest found at the

<http://www.chinatownnightmarket.ca/>

From the entries, 10 will be selected for the finals to be performed on July 18, 2012 on stage live in Chinatown.

VCCA Karaoke of the Stars Festival - July 18, 2012

This festival theme recognizes the love to sing of many of our local residents. As many know Karaoke was an "import" from the east and has grown in popularity in

North America. For this evening, VCCA will present the finalists from an online Karaoke contest live on the streets of Chinatown. The competition will be preceded by judged submissions. They hope to engage the larger community to join in for the weeks leading up to the night of the "Karaoke Stars" perform by making submissions for consideration of the selection committee.

Register to Enter Karaoke – Contest Entry Period Has Opened:



**Enter to Win a dinner for two by
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(Prize: \$50.00 Restaurant Certificate)
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information will be required to arrange for delivery of the
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Canadian Experience Class For Students

If you are a foreign student who graduated in Canada, you may qualify to apply under the Canadian Experience Class (CEC). Students who graduate often have the qualities to make a successful transition from temporary to permanent residence as they are familiar with Canadian society and can contribute to the Canadian economy. edge of English or French and qualifying work experience.

Work experience

As a graduate of a Canadian post-secondary educational institution, you must have one year of full-time (or equivalent) work experience inCanadaafter graduation. Your work experience must be gained within two years of applying.

You may get work experience by applying for the Post-Graduation Work Permit after graduation. Work permits may be valid for up to three years with no restrictions on the type of work you can do or where. To ensure that you can apply for permanent residence under the Canadian Experience Class, at least one year of work experience under the permit must be at Skill Type 0, or Skill Level A or B under the National Occupational Classification (NOC). Your work experience must be gained within two years of the time you applied. Your work experience must be Skill Type 0, or Skill Level A or B on the NOC. The NOC is a classification system for jobs in the Canadian economy. It describes duties, skills, talents and work settings for occupations inCanada.

Full-time work experience means working at least 37.5 paid hours per week. Work during your studies do not count.

Education

Education is assessed if you are applying as a graduate of a Canadian post-secondary educational institution.

If you want to apply based on your Canadian credentials, you must complete either:

- a full-time Canadian post-secondary educational program of at least two years **or**
- a one-year Master's program-(certificates and diplomas cannot be counted) and an additional year of education, obtained inCanada, before admission into the one-year program (for a total of two years).

Applicants must complete a program of study and earn:

- a diploma, degree, trade or apprenticeship credential from a public post-secondary educational institution such as a college or a university that is provincially recognized, or
- a degree from a private post-secondary educational institution, that is provincially recognized, or
- a diploma, trade or apprenticeship credential from a private CEGEP.

These are the base requirements for the Student Graduate CEC. There are of course more specific rules that apply generally and to each specific case.

(This information is provided by Sarina Hoi, BA, MA, RCIC, of Ocean Pacific Immigration Associates Ltd. additional information may be found on the CIC website)



Harbourview of Hotel Grand Pacific

Happenings: (Happenings are regularly updated online at www.victoriachinesemessenger.com)

Our Public Service and Community Service Happenings column is published under our sole discretion and is published information as a free service.

Find out more about submitting your youtube karaoke video at:

<http://www.chinatownnightmarket.ca/>

May 6, 2012

The Night of the Karaoke Stars

It is no secret that Asians, and Chinese are no exception, love to Karaoke... and so do many Victorians. The second Market Night of the summer the theme will focus on this love of Karaoke as we present the Festival of the Karaoke Stars with live performances of the Finalists of our Karaoke YouTube Contest. Please stay tuned for contest entry details as well as more information about this exciting event.

**Wednesday
July 18, 2012**

The Night of the Sevens

The Night of the Sevens is the theme of the Summer's third Market Night; this is Chinese Valentine's Day a day for lover's and best friends. The festival has its origin in Chinese folklores dating back more than 1,500 years. The legend features a weaver maid (with six older sisters), who led a lonely life working at her loom throughout the year. Her father, the Heavenly Emperor, felt sorry for her and allowed her to marry a cowherd from across the Milky Way. During this Market couples and families will be able to create and display their Chinese Valentine's. Stay tuned for contest entry details as well as more information about this exciting event.

**Wednesday
August 22, 2012**

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES
Performances of Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Philippines and Thailand

Uvic Celebrates Asian Heritage Month
Free Cultural Show
Date: Sunday, May 6, 2012
Time: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Where: Philip T. Young Auditorium, MacLaurin Building
University of Victoria
For More Information: 1 (530) 721-6143, mubi@uvic.ca
Limited seating, please come early

The Autumn Moon Lantern Festival

The theme of the Summer's final Night Market is the Autumn Moon Lantern Festival. Victoria's Chinatown will be ablaze with Lanterns hung for this enchanting festival. Visit our website to get details about entering our Lantern Making Contest or just come to the market and visit the Lantern Craft table to create a Lantern to hang in the public lantern display area. Look for the ever popular Chinese Moon Cakes to be prominent at this festival.

**Wednesday
September 12, 2012**

Chinese Presbyterian Church

816 North Park St. Victoria, BC

The Chinese Presbyterian Church which is the oldest existing Chinese Presbyterian Church in Canada will be celebrating its 120th anniversary this year.

120th anniversary celebration will be held on July 8, 2012 (Sunday), with a program of open house, worship service, tea fellowship and a thanksgiving banquet.

Coming Soon.....

The Awakening of the Water Dragon

Theme for the summer's first Night Market will celebrate the roots of the dragon boat festival and the year of the Water Dragon. This event will include an artistic enactment of the folklore about the origins of dragon boating and the Chinese dragon. The night market theme will include an emphasis on this 5th day of the 5th month Festival and celebration of the year of the Dragon. It will feature local artists, dancers, musicians, actors and local performing groups. People will be invited to display their designed dragons for the public to enjoy and see the creativity of Victorians. Of course this market will include the street vendors.

**Wednesday
June 20, 2012**

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Victoria Chinese Messenger Advisory Board and Panel

VCM Community Affairs Advisory Board: These are appointments to provide advice and suggestions on community affairs and of interest to the Chinese/Asian communities in Victoria and Vancouver Island. We are pleased to announce the inaugural members are:

Alan Lowe, Former and longest serving Mayor of the City of Victoria, Architect, and a very public service record

Tony Joe, Former President of Victoria Real Estate Board, Realtor, Consummate Community Volunteer

Wayne Lee, Chartered Accountant and CGA, Community Volunteer for over 25 years

Charlayne Thornton-Joe, City of Victoria Councillor, Lioness and Consummate Community Volunteer.

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Charlayne Thornton-Joe, Councillor City of Victoria

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report juicy tidbits. We are not a magazine, but we may bring you articles that are interesting.

Our goal is to bring the community closer and to pass on social happenings and community service events. Join us as we work with you to make our community a better place. Help us use social media to help make for better communities, grow our community, help others, and bring people together for common purposes.

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Tell us about yourself and the topic that you think would be of interest for you to report on.

If we accept your writeups for publication we will give you credit as a freelance VCM Roving Reporter. All writeups must be verifiable and accurate. VCM has sole discretion on publication.

Call for Volunteers:

Victoria Chinese Commerce Association's Chinatown Night Market 2012

Now the news is out, the VCCA's Night Markets for 2012 will be expanded to include Festival Themes in celebration of the City of Victoria's 150 Anniversary!

In addition to the usual Vendor Stalls these Markets will have Cultural Entertainment, Contests and Activities for the public and visual decorations that reflect the Festival Theme of the event. Each of these Events will require volunteers and committee members to plan and execute the evening's activities and make sure that the event happens as planned.

To assist us in making these events a great experience for Victorians and Tourists attending the Markets we will need the participation of many Volunteers in many facets of the Markets. If you or anyone you know would like to help please submit the names to

volunteers@ChinatownNightMarket.ca



Foodies

Our online version is regularly updated with a "Foodie" comments section. Look forward to more online content and "news" as we grow our service to community events.

Here are some snippets for your "digestion"

"... best salt & pepper squid.... Forum Seafood Restaurant at 612 Fisgard.."

"... looking for a nice atmosphere with excellent sushi?... try Shima Sushi on Wharf Street.."

"...how about some bbq duck?...give Ming's on Quadra a try...."

"...try Dynasty on Fisgard for some good lunch combo deals...."

"...looking for authentic Thai...try My Thai on Cook Street near Rockland..."

"... good casual food at casual prices... at JJ Morgan's... well satisfied before a movie at University Heights...."

