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Gate of Harmonious Interest

Victoria's chinatown is a national historic site, but it also has at its entrance the "Gate of Harmonious Interest" (or *Tong Ji Men*).

It is permanent reminder of the harmony of the multicultural society in Canada. The gate is 38 feet in height and 55 feet in width. It has three arches, one over the road and two over the sidewalks.

The Art on the gate embodies the Chinese concept of Yin-Yang, and the harmonious unity of these two cosmic elements.

"The design of the gate reflects the concept of "unity in duality" in Chinese cosmology, e.g. the unity of dragon (male principle) and phoenix (female principle), and the balance of the blue heaven (male element) and green earth

(female element). The gate's motif also reflect the influence of a blend of Animism, Daoism and Buddhism." (quote from D. Lai/ P. Madoff, *Building and Rebuilding Harmony*)

The gourd shaped pagoda at the ridge symbolizes the the gourd carried by Li Tieguai, one of the 8 immortals of Daoism. Two *Chiwen*, face each other at the ends of the ridge. *Chiwen* is one of the Dragon's nine sons. The gourd and *Chiwen* are believed to ward off evil spirits.

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The roof is covered with tawny yellowish tiles. Yellow is an imperial color and is symbolic of supreme power in ancient China. There are three gargoyles which are Chinese supernatural creations, the lion, the phoenix and the *Chaofeng*. The lion is a sacred animal, that dispels phantoms, the phoenix a supernatural bird being essence of water and rain, and confers blessings on the earth. This row of gargoyles ward off attacks and protect from disaster.

The metal chimes hung on the eaves are like the sacred bells of the Buddhist and Daoist. Their ring wards off evil spirits.

The blue and green symbolizes the “unity in duality”. Finally, the verses “*Tongxin Xiel*” and “*Hezhong Gongji*” means “To work together with one heart” and “To help each other to achieve harmony”.

Next time you are in chinatown, take a moment to see what you can notice on our Gate of Harmonious Interest.

(Facts researched from D. Lai/P. Madoff, "Building and Rebuilding Harmony" full book at Amazon)



月下独酌 李白 唐

花间一壶酒，独酌无相亲；
举杯邀明月，对影成三人。
月既不解饮，影徒随我身；
暂伴月将影，行乐须及春。
我歌月徘徊，我舞影零乱；
醒时同交欢，醉后各分散。
永结无情游，相期邈云汉。

Drinking Alone with the Moon

Li Bai, Tang Dynasty

From a wine pot amidst the flowers,
I drink alone without partners.
To invite the moon I raise my cup.
We're three, as my shadow shows up.
Alas, the moon doesn't drink.
My shadow follows but doesn't think.
Still for now I have these friends,
To cheer me up until the spring ends.
I sing; the moon wanders.
I dance; the shadow scatters.
Awake, together we have fun.
Drunk, separately we're gone.
Let's be boon companions forever,
Pledging, in heaven, we'll be together.



望月怀远 张九龄 唐

海上生明月，天涯共此时。
情人怨遥夜，竟夕起相思。
灭烛怜光满，披衣觉露滋。
海上生明月，天涯共此时。
不堪盈手赠，还寝梦佳期。

Lovesick with the Moon

Zhang Jiulin Tang Dynasty

Over the sea the moon is on the rise,
We all appreciate its brightness
wherever we lie.
I'm complaining about the long long
night,
For I'm missing you more and more
with time passing by.
I blow out the candle, yet the room is
full of light.
I put on my coat, yet still feel the cold of
dew inside.
It is hard to present you with my hands
the graceful moonlight,
I would rather sleep earlier to meet you
in my dream tonight.

Happenings

**Orbus Business
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November 13, 2014
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**Victoria Chinese
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Check website www.vcca.ca for information on our next Annual General Meeting, October 15, 2014.

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.

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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

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**Demand for BC PNP
Regional Business
Succession Option
Remains Strong**

The current estimate for processing of the Regional Business Succession with BC PNP is estimated between 9 to 12 months. This clearly demonstrates the growing demand of potential immigrants choosing this category.

In the past year, I have been contacted or met with numerous BC PNP applicants with stories that clearly show that there is a lot of misinformation and in some cases lack of due diligence from their immigration consultants/agents. Most of these business people are from China but all seem to have been told facts that do not align with the BC PNP rules or CIC procedures. In China there are firms that act as agents who then work with an immigration professional in or from Canada. Quite often from the applicants who have contacted me, it seems the information from the agent and in some cases in consort with the local immigration consultant is not accurate.

I think it would be good to restate the requirements for this category so the business immigration applicant can ask their agent, consultant or lawyer if in fact they qualify or the target business qualifies.

First, the base qualifications of the business applicant are:

To apply to the B.C. Provincial Nominee Program (PNP) in the Regional Business Succession Option:

- You must meet the criteria for one of the Business Immigration categories including the investment requirements.

- There must be a complete change in ownership of the business.
- The business you are purchasing must meet the specific eligibility criteria for this option

Investment requirements for applicants in the Regional Entrepreneur category are that the applicant must personally invest at least \$200,000 in the business.

Additionally, to qualify to apply to the B.C. Provincial Nominee Program (PNP) in the Regional Entrepreneur category, you must have the following:

- Business experience as a senior manager or business owner.
- A viable business proposal that will bring significant economic benefits to the province.
- The financial ability to invest in a business.
 - You, and, if applicable, your spouse, must have a personal or combined net worth of at least \$400,000 obtained from legal sources. You must provide supporting documentation to support the net worth reported in your application

Second the for the B.C. business to qualify, it must:

- Be located outside of the Vancouver or Abbotsford metropolitan areas.
- Have been operated by the current owner for at least five years.
- Have at least one full-time employee other than the owner's family members.
- Be actively in operation and not in receivership.
- Be an eligible business

An eligible business must:

- Be operated for the primary purpose of earning profits by providing products and/or services.
- Have strong potential for sustained commercial success.
- Have the potential to create significant economic benefits for British Columbia, such as by:
 - increasing value-added manufacturing or processing, exports, destination tourism, R&D and technology commercialization,
 - developing innovative approaches to traditional businesses,
 - transferring technology and specialized knowledge to B.C.,
 - providing products or services to an under-served local or regional market, or

- enabling the purchase of an existing B.C. business.

In addition, the PNP will only consider the purchase of an existing franchise as an eligible business if it includes an expansion plan that is consistent with franchisor requirements.

As a applicant for the BC PNP Regional Business Succession Option, you should ensure that your immigration professional, immigration consultant or lawyer confirms with you at the very least that the you and the target business qualify. In particular if you are using an agent overseas, they should ensure that they provide you proper representation by a regulated immigration consultant or immigration lawyer in Canada that will ensure that both you as applicant and the target business qualifies.

(This summary is prepared by Sarina Hoi, BA, MA, RCIC of Ocean Pacific Immigration Associates Ltd. with information from the BC PNP 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”:

“... the new Keg on Alberni – in Vancouver is as good as any Keg but with some great new premises...”

“...a little out of the way...but the House of Lee at the University Heights Mall has some interesting Taiwanese influenced dishes... well worth a try...”

“... Spanish wines at Bodega Tapas (Trounce Alley) pairs particularly well with their additional Tapas dishes now added to menu...”

“...Green Leaf Bistro – still the best Vietnamese Food in town...”

“...Xiang Rui at 980 Blanshard is trying to make a mark with some interesting Sichuan spices... can get it very spicy there”

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

“... so don’t forget the Hotel Grand Pacific provides award winning fine dining under Executive Chef Rick Choy... “

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

“...put Don Mee’s on your list for dim sum, particularly the traditionally Cantonese ones...”



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