



## THE VICTORIA CHINESE MESSENGER

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# Sheng Dan Kuai Le

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*Victoria, British Columbia*

## Sheng Dan Kuai Le



Historically, Christmas in China has not been nearly as popular as Christmas is in the Western world. Largely, this is due to the small percentage of Christians living in China. However, although Chinese New Year is the main winter festival in China, recent trends show an increasing number of people celebrating

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Christmas, especially amongst the younger generations.

Although Christmas is not a public holiday in Mainland China, there are still many festivities to take part in. City centers, commercial streets, and shopping malls are all festively decorated, and seasonal music can be heard throughout. The most popular Christmas songs in China are

“Jingle Bells,” “We Wish You a Merry Christmas”, and “Silent Night”. However, the main focus of Christmas in China is on the children, who eagerly await a visit from Santa Claus, who they call Dun Che Lao Ren, meaning “Christmas Old Man.”

While some Chinese people will attend church services on Christmas Eve, the vast majority choose to overlook Christmas’s religious roots. However, many western Christmas traditions can now be observed in China. For instance, customs such as trimming and decorating the Christmas tree, sending gifts, and holding parties are all popular in China’s major cities. The Chinese Christmas tree is called “Tree of Light”, and is typically decorated with paper chains, paper flowers, and paper lanterns.



One tradition that has become popular in China that is not familiar to the western world involves giving apples on Christmas Eve. In Chinese, Christmas Eve is called “Ping An Ye”, and the word for apple is “Ping Guo”, which sounds very similar. Many stores sell apples wrapped in colorful paper, and people believe that eating one will bring peace in the coming year.

## Shopping in Chinatown at Christmas – A little bit of everything.

What do we find in Chinatown? Often, when people hear of Chinatown, they automatically think of a multitude of interesting, authentic Asian restaurants and food joints, or, knick-

knack stores host to thousands of *itsy bitsy* trinkets enough to leave anyone in treasure-hunting heaven for hours.

But did you know that Chinatown in Victoria is host to some more unconventional stores and businesses? Perhaps the largest cluster of these unique businesses, reside in Fan Tan Alley – the narrowest street in Canada (the narrowest point is only 35 inches). This red-brick abyss screams of enchantment, with only a few subtle turns that leave you desperate to know what is ahead.

Originally, Fan Tan Alley was a gambling district, with some restaurants and shops. It has maintained its edge today with nifty stores such as The Turntable, who sell original records and replica posters from old-school bands that everyone have listened to at *some* point in their lives. There is also an alternative



clothing store called ‘Hearts Content’ featuring Mod Brit Wear, Punk and

Alternative Fashions. Of course, let’s also not forget about Fan Tan Alleys yoga joint, Moksana Yoga, or many of their esoteric stores such as Triple Spiral Metaphysical Gifts selling crystals, tarots and all things mysterious!

It is of no surprise that the quirkiness of Chinatown does not end in Fan Tan Alley. The rest of Fisgard Street is adorned with unexpected hideaways and businesses. Free House Import Co. sells traditional swords, kitchenware and even large dragons. Fisgard



Market is locally known as one of the most authentically Chinese fresh fruit and vegetable markets around – bringing in many of their fruits and veggies daily, and displaying them outside their doors near the sidewalk. The Bubble Tea Place not

only offers the famous bubble tea, but also, Thai Massage, if you are looking to really relax. Want to have a great food experience with friends? Share an array of traditional Chinese appetizers at Don Mee, who serve the popular Dim Sum. Or, if you aren't looking to spend money at all, take a look around and pay attention to the multitude of murals and public works that will pop out at you as you make your way through Chinatown. Christmas is an especially fantastic time to walk through Chinatown at night, as their nightly light displays complement the magic of the Christmas lights found throughout downtown Victoria.

## **Chinatown Merchants Spotlight:**

### **Don Mee Seafood Restaurant – *An Unforgettable Experience***



Lit up by a bright, oversized lantern, Don Mee stands out among the lights of Chinatown. You can't miss it, and nor will you forget this vibrant experience. Up a tall, mirrored staircase you will find an expansive room, filled with families and friends sharing laughs, conversation, and most importantly food, in the traditional eating style of Dim Sum. Waiters and waitresses float around the room with trolleys of steam buns, honey barbecued pork, and a selection of other traditional

Chinese cuisine. Literally translated, "dim sum" means "to touch the heart." It is also known as "yum char," meaning "to have tea accompanied by a few appetizers."



If you are looking for a fun-filled, delicious Chinese lunch or dinner, Don Mee should be your first choice – not only for the tasty food – but for the unforgettable experience!

## **Free House Import Co.- *Feel like a kid again***

If you ever wanted to feel like a kid and an adult at the same time, this is the place to visit. The owner, David Yuen, (pictured below with a traditional Chinese sword) possesses a fun and light nature, and a passion for his store, happily showing us around, pointing out all his



favorite products and pieces.

Walking through the store you notice that this isn't just any gift and chinaware store. There are hard to find items, rare treasures, hidden in Free House Import Co. Bonsai tree's as

well as miniature clay Bonsai decorative villages and samurais are available for purchase, the decorations being found nowhere else in Victoria. There is a large collection of traditional swords available, and the detail on the holders are exquisite.



Something I found amazing, however, were the 5ft and higher vases that reached far above my head. They were reasonably priced, and would add magic into

any room. Free House Import Co. also offers and entire isle dedicated to Chinese Calligraphy tools and papers – a larger

authentic selection than I have seen anywhere else. If you'd like to purchase quality Chinese goods, and well priced kitchenware, give Free House Import Co. a shot and perhaps challenge the owner to a sword fight or two – his has some tricks up his sleeve!

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## VVV Cup Voice of Victoria



November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013, The Final Competition of VVV Cup-Voice of Victoria was held at Gordon Head United Church.

The top 14 contestants emerged victorious in the former pre-selection competitions and presented their best voice for the finals. The professional judges were Zhu Xiao Song (Art Director of Victoria Chinese Performing Arts), Cui Hong Bin (Pianist, Art Director of Victoria Chinese Performing Arts), Chantal Fabre Miss Q (singer and composer), Sarina Hoi (Composer and Pianist), and Miss Muriel Gentleman (Media Specialist, Journalist and Scientist),

Contestants Yang Liu, Lei Bo Ming and Wu Li Wei stood out above the rest and were selected first, second and third place in the Competition. Competitor Vivian Chen was entitled the Viewer's Choice, Yang Liu, a student from the University of Victoria, also won the prize of Best Chorographer, and Kevin Qu was selected as the Most Popular Singer.

Sponsor Representatives: Rebecca Chang from RBC Royal Bank of Canada, Tim Wang and Tony Joe from Tony Joe & Associates RE/MAX Team, Kevin Sing's team from DFH Real Estate Ltd, Ye Xuan from Xuan Yu Investment, Sarina Hoi from Ocean Pacific Immigration Association were invited to present awards to the award winners.

Furthermore, the famous Chinese rock band Crack Cracked Peace was invited to perform during the event and to share the wonderful night with all the audience and contestants.

## VVV Cup 维多利亚好声音总决 赛

2013年11月24日, VVV Cup  
维多利亚好声音在Gordon Head United  
Church 拉开了决赛的序幕。



14位参赛选手从激烈的三场比拼中脱颖而出，争夺决赛桂冠。现场气氛热烈而紧张，选手们竭力展现自己的最美歌喉。最后在评委团：维多利亚艺术团指导朱晓松老师，维多利亚中华艺术团钢琴伴奏家崔共斌老师，著名作曲人Chantal Fabre Miss Q，著名钢琴作曲家Sarina Hoi和媒体资深人 Miss Muriel Gentleman的专业审评下，杨柳、雷博茗和吴立伟获得比赛前三名。Vivian Chen 获得优秀歌手奖，杨柳获得最佳台风奖，曲禹州获得最佳人气奖。

活动赞助代表：RB 皇家银行Rebecca Chang女士，周达明专业地产团队Tim Wang和Tony Joe先生，轩宇投资叶轩先生，太平洋移民咨询有限公司arina Hoi, 许凤珍女士应邀出席晚会并为选手颁奖。

此外，著名乐队碎碎平安应邀于当晚演出助兴，与观众选手一同分享美好夜晚。

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## Victoria Chinese Commerce Association

### Christmas Meeting – Bring Donations of Non-Perishables for Mustard Seed

December 11, 2013

Meet & Greet at 5:30 pm

Dinner Meeting 6:00 pm

**Place:** University Club – University of Victoria  
**Price:** Dinner with Pre Registration - \$50.00 (paid up members \$40.00 – club subsidy applies)

Dinner is a three course dinner with a Prime Rib Entrée – special vegetarian needs should be coordinated with VCCA in advance.

Register online at [www.vcca.ca](http://www.vcca.ca)

## NADEN BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERTS 2013

In support of The Salvation Army Toy Drive

**- PLEASE BRING AN UNWRAPPED TOY -**



Join in the fun and excitement as 35 professional musicians take to the stage to entertain and get you into the holiday spirit. The Naden Band of the Royal Canadian Navy, Canada's West Coast Navy Band, presents its 35th annual Christmas concert series in Victoria, and the 12th in

Vancouver, as a community fundraiser for The Salvation Army Toy Drive. The musical program - a potpourri of festive music - will include original works and holiday favourites for the entire family.

There will be featured soloists from within the band, and we have two fabulous singers, Ken Lavigne and Stephanie Greaves, who cover a wide range of musical styles.

Audience members are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy on the night of the performance.

**Dec.16,17,18 – 7:30PM**  
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**Improving the Canadian Experience Class**

On November 8, 2013 Citizenship and Immigration Minister Chris Alexander announced changes to improve the Canadian Experience Class (CEC) so that the program continues to attract top quality candidates.

“The Canadian Experience Class has allowed more than 25,000 people to stay in Canada permanently to contribute their skills and talents,” said Alexander. “The

government is taking concrete action to reduce backlogs and processing times. By making these changes to the Canadian Experience Class, we are moving toward a more effective and efficient immigration system.”

In order to manage intake, maintain reasonable processing times and prevent a backlog from developing in the CEC, Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) is introducing an annual cap on the number of new CEC applications. CIC will accept a maximum of 12,000 CEC applications from November 9, 2013, to October 31, 2014.

Despite the annual cap on applications, the department will admit approximately 15,000 individuals under the CEC in 2014.

CIC is also seeing an overrepresentation of certain occupations in the program. In order to bring in as diverse a skill set as possible, the department will introduce limits on the number of applications under certain occupations.

Effective November 9, 2013, CIC will introduce sub-caps of 200 applications each in certain skilled occupations. Also, six particular occupations will no longer be eligible for the CEC.

Because of the overrepresentation in the CEC applications received to date, the following six occupations will no longer be eligible for the CEC starting November 9, 2013:

- cooks (NOC code 6322);
- food service supervisors (NOC 6311);
- administrative officers (NOC 1221);
- administrative assistants (NOC 1241);
- accounting technicians and bookkeepers (NOC 1311); and
- retail sales supervisors (NOC 6211).

CIC already has a large inventory of

applications in these occupations and will continue processing them to a final decision.

In addition, CIC will establish sub-caps of 200 applications each for National Occupational Classification B occupations. These are mostly technical and administrative jobs or those in the skilled trades. NOC 0 and A (managerial and professional) occupations will not be sub-capped, but they will be subject to the overall cap of 12,000 applications.

Finally, CIC will maintain the same language criteria for applicants but will verify them upfront as of November 9, 2013. The current language requirements are Canadian Language Benchmark 7 for NOC O and A occupations and CLB 5 for NOC B occupations.

This new measure will ensure that applicants who do not meet the minimum language requirements are screened out earlier and processing resources can be concentrated on those who are more likely to qualify. At the same time, this is more client-friendly, as applicants who do not have the required language proficiency will have their applications returned to them along with the processing fee.

*(This information is partly reproduced from information on the CIC or BC PNP website and is provided by Sarina Hoi, BA, MA, RCIC, of Ocean Pacific Immigration Associates Ltd. additional information may be found on the website)*

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# 2013 Christmas Alert

## Salvation Army Needs Your Donations

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## Time-Colonist Christmas Fund

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## Santa's Anonymous



<http://www.cfaxsantas.com/>

### About C-FAX Santas Anonymous Society

With the love and support of the Greater Victoria community, C-FAX Santas Anonymous Society is now celebrating its 35th season of helping children in Greater Victoria. The Christmas

Program provides wishes and hampers to local children and their families in need each year. C-FAX Santas Anonymous Society endeavours to make the Christmas "spirit of giving" continue throughout the year through its Grant Program, available to projects dedicated to enhancing the lives of children in need in the Greater Victoria.

December of 2013, C-FAX Santas Anonymous will deliver Christmas hampers with the help of C-FAX Santas Anonymous Volunteers and local Firefighters to children in need in the Greater Victoria community. Please consider a financial gift, purchase a gift for a child, or volunteer and help Santas make Christmas brighter for a local child in need.

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*Bigger, better (and earlier) than ever  
before, come join in on our thirteenth  
annual...*

## Christmas Hamper Party

**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
1-7 pm  
hosted this year at**

### Canadian College of Performing Arts

1701 Elgin Road (near Foul Bay  
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*Wow! This promises to be our most exciting  
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1. Donate with Visa or Mastercard on the  
Eventbrite site. *Choose this option if you'd like  
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2. Give cash or write a cheque to Joyce Kline, as before, writing "Hamper Party" on the cheque. (You can email me for my new address.) You won't get a charitable donation receipt this way, but it saves us credit card charges, so all your money goes to the party. ***If at all possible, please send cheques in advance of the party.*** Money we receive in advance pays for hampers, bags and packaging, plus it lets us purchase food items so we're stocked and ready to go at the beginning of the day.

3. Bring cash on party day for our runners to use last minute to buy whatever we need to top up the hampers.

If you'll be out of town, you can still be part of the fun. Donations of ***non-perishable*** items on the hamper menu list can be dropped off in advance during business hours at either CCPA (address above) or the Intrepid Theatre office: Suite #2, 1609 Blanshard St. (at Fisgard), behind Serious Coffee.

Not only will CCPA's talented students donate food and help us pack and load hampers, they'll entertain us with carols, as well. And as if that wasn't fantastic enough, the Dream a Little's have also volunteered to perform for us again this year.

The need in our community is more pressing than ever. Every hamper we fill means one less family will go hungry this holiday season. CCPA is giving us the opportunity to introduce more Victorians to our fun and inspiring annual celebration. Let's outdo ourselves so the Salvation Army won't have to turn away any family in need. Together we can do it!

## **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":**

*"... tried the Noodle Cart on Blanshard. Some interesting things on the menu including crispy pork and Thai BBQ pork... worth a try with the*

*outside fooling you a bit... its bigger than you think..."*

*"... in Vancouver – Tableau in the Loden on Melville... supposed to be French cuisine with a trendy atmosphere... and it does deliver a fun place to eat with some interesting French influences on the menu... worth a try..."*

*"... back to Shima Sushi again... the sushi and sashimi both very good and among the best in Victoria...maybe they will have some green tea brulee on that night which is delicious..."*

*"...for some healthy home style noodle soup try out Shanghai Noodle on Quadra Street, just across from Crystal Pool... love the hot Thai seafood noodles"*

*"...Forum Seafood Restaurant at 612 Fisgard...try it out and report to us what you think...the Cantonese Style of the old Forum seems to be making a comeback and their own spicy Sichuan hot sauce is very good..."*

## **2013 VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

**Please note that the listed organizations are not limited to persons of Chinese descent.**

### **Victoria Chinese Commerce Association**

New projects on the go...including the need for volunteers for the 2014 Chinatown Night Market! Find out more:

Check website [www.vcca.ca](http://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](mailto:art.quon@rbc.com) or Alan Yuen at [yuenfam@shaw.ca](mailto:yuenfam@shaw.ca)

### **Victoria Chinatown Lioness Club**

Meetings are second Monday of the month

at Golden City Restaurant. Will need to contact their president for more info (to follow). This 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](http://www.chinatowncarefoundation.com)

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Christmas time is about appreciating family, friends, and all the awesome things we have been blessed with throughout the year.

**We appreciate your support and send love to all our readers.** Thank you for another successful year of the Victoria Chinese Messenger.

We look forward to some exciting new changes coming 2014, and wish you Happy Holidays, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year until then!

**From: The team at  
the Victoria Chinese  
Messenger.**