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值此 2022 族裔记录与多元文化论坛暨《选择》（海洋省卷）新书发布会在多伦多举行之际，中华人民共和国驻多伦多总领事馆谨向活动主办方和各位来宾致以热烈祝贺和诚挚问候。

长期以来，加拿大华侨华人自强不息、艰苦创业，为当地经济社会发展作出了宝贵贡献，成为加拿大多元文化社会重要组成部分，也为中加友谊打下了坚实基础。承前启后、继往开来，希望广大在加华侨华人继续扎根当地、心系桑梓，进一步增进与其他各族裔沟通交流，不断为促进中加友好关系发展和加拿大多元文化建设贡献积极力量。

祝此次活动取得圆满成功！

中华人民共和国驻多伦多总领事馆

2022 年 5 月 25 日

The Senate of Canada

Ottawa, Ontario

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Ottawa, Ontario

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May 25th, 2022

Greetings from Senator Victor Oh

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone attending the 2022 Multicultural Oral History Forum and "Here We Stay" Launch Ceremony, organized by the H&R Immigrants Oral History Institute.

The "Here We Stay" project provides us with an amazing opportunity to learn and reflect upon the many challenges faced by the Chinese immigrant community in Canada. Additionally, the project also highlights the countless achievements and contributions made by Chinese Canadians from coast-to-coast-to-coast.

I would like to commend the H&R Immigrants Oral History Institute for their continued commitment to our community during these extraordinary times. I would also like to thank everyone who contributed to making this event possible.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable event.

Sincerely,



The Honourable Victor Oh
Senator - Ontario



Hello Frank, Sherry and Team,

I want to wish you all the best at your event “2022 Multicultural Oral History Forum and Here we Stay” launching ceremony on Wednesday. You both have been instrumental in increasing the diversity of our Island and our great Nation.

Continued Success,

Hon. Lawrence MacAulay P.C.

M.P of Cardigan, Prince Edward Island





HON. MARY NG, P.C., M.P.

MARKHAM—THORNHILL

May 25, 2022

**2022 Multicultural Oral History Forum and
“Here We Stay” Launch Ceremony**

As the Member of Parliament for Markham-Thornhill, I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to the Canada Universal Media Association, the H&R Immigrants Oral History Institute and SEPT Days Media on the occasion of your 2022 Multicultural Oral History Forum and “Here We Stay” Launch Ceremony.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Asian Heritage Month, and the theme is *Continuing a Legacy of Greatness*. This offers us the opportunity to celebrate and take the time to learn more about Asian Canadian history, and recognize the incredible contributions Asian Canadians have made, and continue to make, to our country.

Today, we gather together to celebrate and recognize your project of recording the history of Chinese Immigrants across Canada and your book launch.

In Markham-Thornhill and across Canada, our communities have stepped up, bringing hope and inspiration to those around them and working to bring about a more prosperous future.

Thank you to Canada Universal Media Association, H&R Immigrants Oral History Institute and SEPT Days Media for organizing this event. To all in attendance, I wish you a memorable day.

Sincerely,

Hon. Mary Ng, P.C., M.P.
Markham-Thornhill





Shaun Chen

Member of Parliament / Député
Scarborough North / Scarborough-Nord



May 25, 2022

A Personal Message from MP Shaun Chen 陈圣源

As the Member of Parliament for Scarborough North, I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to the attendees of the 2022 Multicultural Oral History Forum “Here We Stay” Launch Ceremony, co-organized and presented by Canada Universal Media Association, H&R Immigrants Oral History Institute and SEPT Days Media.

Today’s event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the launch of the book, “Here We Stay – An Oral History of Chinese Immigrants in Canada.” This book builds on the larger “Here We Stay” project, which recognizes the unique contributions, histories and lived experiences of Canadians of Chinese descent.

I commend the organizers on hosting this important forum and congratulate them on reaching such an incredible milestone. Events such as this, which provide a platform for intercultural learning and sharing, demonstrate Canada’s shared values of diversity, inclusion and equality.

Please accept my best wishes for a most successful event.

Sincerely,

Shaun Chen 陈圣源
Member of Parliament
Scarborough North



PAUL CHIANG MP

MARKHAM-UNIONVILLE

May 25th, 2022

2022 Multicultural Oral History Forum

As the member of parliament for Markham-Unionville, I am pleased to congratulate the 2022 Multicultural Oral History Forum on the long awaited "Here We Stay" launch ceremony.

I am deeply inspired by your organization's dedication to examine and showcase immigrant experiences and its work to create a communication platform for these studies. The study and presentation of a variety of oral testimonies helps to lend a voice to many Chinese immigrants across Canada who want to share their perspectives. Your continued work emphasizes the importance of having diverse viewpoints and experiences that can offer an alternate lens to view history.

I am grateful to all those who have spent countless hours and energy in developing this project and I wish your organization and everyone involved all the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Chiang", with a horizontal line underneath.

Paul Chiang MP
Markham-Unionville





May 25, 2022

Personal Greetings from Councillor Cynthia Lai

I would like to extend my warmest welcome to everyone attending the **2022 Multicultural Oral History Forum** and **"Here We Stay" Launch Ceremony** co-organized by **Canada Universal Media Association**, the **H&R Immigrants Oral History Institute** and **SEPT Days Media**.

As we celebrate Asian Heritage Month together, I express to the organizers my sincere appreciation for your efforts in creating a platform for the multicultural oral history. Your project also helps preserve and record individual testimonies of experiences and changes of many Chinese immigrants across Canada.

Thank you for your valuable contributions to enriching our diverse society. Please accept my best wishes for a meaningful event!

Sincerely,

**Cynthia Lai, Councillor
Ward 23 - Scarborough North**



NICK MANTAS | CITY COUNCILLOR

WARD 22, SCARBOROUGH- AGINCOURT

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May 25, 2022

As the Toronto City Councillor for Scarborough-Agincourt, I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to all participating in the 2022 Multicultural Oral History Forum and “Here We Stay” Launch Ceremony co-organized by Canada Universal Media Association, the H&R Immigrants Oral History Institute and SEPT Days Media.

Toronto is one of the most diverse cities in the world reflected in the City of Toronto’s motto, “Diversity, Our Strength.” Each May, we gather together to celebrate Asian Heritage Month to honour the many significant contributions of Asian Canadians to every aspect of Canadian society and affirm our commitment to continue to combat all forms of discrimination, hatred and racism.

*I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the launch of the book, **HERE WE STAY**. Please accept my best wishes for a most memorable and successful celebration.*

Sincerely,

Councillor Nick Mantas

萬利高市議員

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May 25, 2022

Congratulations

from

Councillor Godwin CHAN

To

*Canada Universal Media Association,
H&R Immigrants Oral History Institute,
and SEPT Days Media*

For

*2022 Multicultural Oral History forum
and Launch of "Here We Stay"*

Godwin Chan

陈志辉

Councillor Godwin CHAN

烈治文山经贸发展委会主席

Chair, Economic Development Committee

重振烈市工作小组主席

Chair, Recover Richmond Hill Task Force





May 25, 2022

Greetings from Leah Taylor Roy

As member of Parliament for Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill, I would like to extend my warm greetings to everyone attending the 2022 Multicultural Oral History Forum and "HERE WE STAY" book Launch Ceremony.

This forum focuses on the project "HERE WE STAY" - Unfolded In 2019, to celebrate Canada's 155th anniversary, the project plans to complete interviews with 155 Chinese immigrants across different regions in Canada by the end of 2022 and to document their experiences, living conditions, and changes of thoughts as immigrants.

I am proud to learn that a total of 97 interviewees have been completed from three of those regions. The first book, HERE WE STAY - The Maritime Provinces, has been thoroughly edited and licensed for publication in Canada. This is a great way to showcase contributions from Chinese Canadians. As well, to celebrate Asian Heritage Month.

I wish to congratulate the organizers Canada Universal Media Association, the H&R Immigrants Oral History Institute, SEPT Days Media, and the event host Xinflix Media for a successful event.

感谢组织机构为推动加拿大多元文化作出的贡献！在亚裔文化月推出该活动意义重大！祝今日的高峰会议及新书发行成功！

Yours Truly,

Leah Taylor Roy

Leah Taylor Roy
莉雅泰勒
Member of Parliament
Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill





HOUSE OF COMMONS
CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES
CANADA

Majid Jowhari

Member of Parliament / Député
Richmond Hill



May 25th, 2022

Greeting Letter

As the Member of Parliament for Richmond Hill and Markham, I am pleased to extend my congratulations to those attending the 2022 Multicultural Oral History Forum and “Here We Stay” Launch Ceremony, organized by ***H&R Immigrants Oral History Institute***, Co-Organized by ***Canada Universal Media Association, SEPT Days Media and Canada China Friendship*** and ***Goodwill Association***, Supported by: ***Xinflix Media***.

My heartfelt thank goes to the organizers for creating a platform to explore multicultural oral history studies in Canada and promote multiculturalism. By interviewing a total of 97 Chinese immigrants, the book, ***HERE WE STAY - The Maritime Provinces***, has been thoroughly edited and licensed for publication in Canada. Congratulations on such a great accomplishment!

Chinese Canadians have helped make Canada great, inclusive, and prosperous from one generation to the next. I want to thank the Chinese Canadian community for your contribution. I am so grateful for your accomplishment in the country and for your resilient spirit during the challenging time.

My sincere appreciation goes to all the organizers, history researchers, staff, media friends, and volunteers for your great contribution and dedication.

Please accept my congratulations on this memorable event and happy Asian Heritage Month!

Sincerely,

Majid Jowhari, MP
Richmond Hill

Premier of Prince Edward Island



Premier ministre de l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard

May 25, 2022

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Dear Members and Attendees:

With May being National Asian Heritage Month in Canada and the theme of this year's event being "Continuing a Legacy of Greatness", there is no better time to recognize the positive impact Chinese newcomers bring to Canada and to our province of Prince Edward Island. Like all new Canadians, many Chinese newcomers have had to overcome enormous barriers, carving out a place for themselves and transforming their lives. In doing so, these new Canadians have become an important part of the economic, social and cultural fabric of Canada and Prince Edward Island.

I greatly appreciate and support the efforts of the H&R Immigrants Oral History Institute to showcase Canadian Chinese immigrants in Canada from across the country. Prince Edward Island is committed to continuing to support the growth and prosperity of our immigrant community. We can only be better positioned to do so by hearing the stories, experiences and pathways of those who chose to make Prince Edward Island and Canada their home.

As you host the Multicultural Oral History Forum, I want to congratulate you on the launch of this new project "HERE WE STAY - An Oral History of Chinese Immigrants in Canada". This project, telling the stories of the 155 Chinese immigrants in their own words as they rebuilt their lives in their new homeland, highlights and provides a lasting record of the many achievements and contributions of the Chinese community in Canada.

I wish you all the best during this National Asia Heritage Month and the launch of this successful project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. King".

Honourable Dennis King
Premier of Prince Edward Island