

Media Release

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FACT Annual Gala 2026 Successfully Held

More Than 300 Guests Celebrate the Fusion of Culture and Business

[Toronto, June 20, 2026] – The Federation of Asian Canadians Toronto (FACT) successfully hosted its 2026 Annual Gala on June 20 at Hilton Markham Suites. Under the theme “Bridging Culture & Business,” the evening brought together more than 300 guests from government, business, and the community.

Distinguished guests in attendance included the Honourable Tim Hodgson, Canada’s Minister of Energy and Natural Resources; Members of Parliament Michael Ma, Shaun Chen, and Jean Yip; Ontario MPP Aris Babikian; Cheng Hongbo, Deputy Consul General of the People’s Republic of China in Toronto; Bill Wong, Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Toronto; Toronto Mayor Olivia Chow; Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti; Markham Councillors Amanda Yeung Collucci, Isa Lee, and Ritch Lau; Richmond Hill Councillors Shao Haoran and Simon Cui; and Vaughan Regional Councillor Mario G. Racco. Their presence demonstrated strong support for FACT’s mission of promoting cultural exchange, business development, and community connection.

In her remarks, FACT President Benny Cheung highlighted the organization’s continued commitment since its founding in 2019 to building bridges across cultures, communities, and businesses. She noted that this year’s theme, “Bridging Culture & Business,” reflects FACT’s role as a meaningful platform connecting cultural heritage with business opportunities.

The evening featured a vibrant program, beginning with the singing of the Canadian national anthem. Guests enjoyed energetic samba performances, live music by local performers, and a festive atmosphere throughout the night. The gala also included exciting lucky draws, with prizes such as fine wines, beauty gift certificates, a



luxury hotel accommodation package valued at \$4,000, and a Hermès fashion accessory valued at over \$1,000.

During the event, FACT also reviewed its major achievements over the past year, including the successful 2025 Asia Trade Mission. Through this initiative, FACT led Canadian entrepreneurs to key Asian cities for business exchange, market exploration, and international partnership opportunities, creating new pathways for members and businesses to expand globally.

The Honourable Tim Hodgson, Members of Parliament Michael Ma, Shaun Chen, and Jean Yip delivered remarks and presented congratulatory letters. Cheng Hongbo, Deputy Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Toronto; Ontario MPP Aris Babikian; Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti; Toronto Mayor Olivia Chow; and Bill Wong, Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Toronto, also addressed the audience and expressed their support for FACT's ongoing work.

A recognition ceremony was held during the gala to thank sponsors, partners, and supporters for their contributions to FACT's Annual Gala and community initiatives. The two Masters of Ceremonies helped create an engaging and lively atmosphere, while the lucky draws, performances, and networking opportunities made the evening both memorable and meaningful.

Looking ahead, FACT will continue to promote cultural exchange, business collaboration, and community inclusion through platforms such as Asialicious Carnival, business networking events, international trade initiatives, and its Annual Gala. Through these efforts, FACT remains committed to contributing to Canada's multicultural society and supporting the growth of Asian Canadian communities.



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About the Federation of Asian Canadians Toronto (FACT)

Founded in 2019, the Federation of Asian Canadians Toronto is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering cultural exchange, community connection, and economic development. Through diverse programs and events, FACT continues to connect culture, community, and business.