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PRESIDENT MESSAGE



Dear FACT members, partners, and friends,

I hope you're enjoying the warmth of the summer and finding time to connect with family, friends, and your community.

I'm delighted to share that the FACT Annual Gala 2026, held on June 20 at Hilton Markham Suites, was a tremendous success. Bringing together more than 300 guests, the evening celebrated the power of connection under this year's theme, "Bridging Culture & Business."

This theme reflects the direction of FACT as we continue to grow. Culture brings people and communities together, while business creates opportunities for innovation, collaboration, and prosperity. By connecting the two, we can build a stronger, more inclusive, and more vibrant community for everyone.

We were honoured to welcome distinguished guests from all three levels of government, including The Honourable Tim Hodgson, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources; Members of Parliament Michael Ma, Jean Yip, and Shaun Chen; MPP Aris Babikian; Olivia Chow, Mayor of Toronto; Frank Scarpitti, Mayor of Markham; Markham Councillors Amanda Yeung Collucci, Ritch Lau, and Isa Lee; Richmond Hill Councillors Simon Cui and Michael Shiu; and Vaughan Local and Regional Councillor Mario G. Racco. We were also pleased to welcome Cheng Hongbo, Deputy Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Toronto, and Bill Wong, Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Toronto.

Thank you to our sponsors, partners, volunteers, performers, and guests whose support made the Gala such a memorable evening. You can find more highlights and photos in this newsletter.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome everyone back to Asialicious Carnival 2026, taking place September 11–13 at Woodside Square in Scarborough.

As FACT continues to evolve, we remain focused on two key priorities: strengthening business connections through networking and professional exchange, while fostering cultural understanding and community engagement through our signature events and initiatives.

Thank you for being part of the FACT community. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events, and I warmly invite you to become a FACT member and join our growing network.

Benny Cheung, CLU®
President, Federation of Asian Canadians Toronto (FACT)

FACT EVENT RECAP

March Networking EVENT



FACT successfully hosted **"Legal Essentials for Growing Entrepreneurs"** at YSpace on March 12, 2026, bringing together entrepreneurs and business owners for an informative evening of learning and networking.

We were honoured to welcome **Zachary Zhou**, Founder of **ZLaw Corporate Lawyers**, who shared practical insights on shareholder agreements and lease negotiations—two key legal topics that can help SMEs avoid common pitfalls and build a stronger foundation for growth.

We also appreciate everyone who attended and contributed to the engaging discussions. We look forward to seeing you at our next FACT networking event!

FACT EVENT RECAP



The Federation of Asian Canadians Toronto (FACT) proudly hosted the inaugural 2026 Annual Gala on June 20, 2026, welcoming more than 300 guests from government, business, and community organizations for an inspiring evening celebrating the power of culture and collaboration.

Under the theme **"Bridging Culture & Business"**, this year's Gala reflected FACT's continued mission of connecting communities through cultural exchange while creating meaningful opportunities for business growth and international collaboration.

During the Gala, President Benny Cheung shared FACT's journey - from launching the Asialicious Carnival and Asialicious TO restaurant campaign in 2019, to expanding recently into business networking as well as international trade missions that help Canadian businesses build global connections.

Gala co-chairs - Marcus Lam and Cynthia Wong, alongside the hardworking organizing committee, Board of Directors and volunteers, put together an evening program filled with cultural activations, live musical performances, and lucky draws for all the guests to enjoy.

The Gala was more than an evening of celebration - it reflected FACT's vision of bringing people together through culture, creating opportunities through business, along with building a stronger and more connected community for the future.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Networking Event Co-Hosted By MNP | August 18, 2026

Join FACT and MNP for an informative evening designed to help small business owners better understand their tax obligations and plan for the future.

📅 Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2026

⏰ Time: Registration starts at 5:00 PM

📍 Venue: MNP Markham Office (3100 Steeles Ave E Ste 700, Markham, ON)

Tax professionals from MNP will share practical insights on key tax requirements, common compliance issues, and effective tax planning strategies to help entrepreneurs maximize opportunities and prepare for long-term growth.

Registration details will be announced soon. Stay tuned!

Asialicious Carnival Presented by BMO | September 11-13, 2026

FACT's signature Asialicious Carnival returns for three vibrant days of culture, cuisine, and community. Presented by BMO, this year's theme is Shanghai, bringing the dynamic spirit, flavours, and artistic flair of one of Asia's most iconic cities to life.

SEPT 11 | Friday: 5:00 PM–11:00 PM

SEPT 12 | Saturday: 11:00 AM–11:00 PM

SEPT 13 | Sunday: 11:00 AM–6:00 PM

For information on sponsorship packages and booth registration, please email **info@asialiciousto.com** with your company name and contact email.

MEMBERS BENEFIT

Becoming a member of the FACT, your business will be able to leverage the strong rapport and relationship established by FACT with all three levels of Canadian government, as well as consulate, trade commissioners, or key business leaders in many Asian countries, to promote, connect or exchange with other multicultural businesses.

The Membership is a **lifetime** membership with the following two levels:

- **Elite Members - $1,500**
- **Corporate Members - $ 500**

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CORPORATE

For Corporate Members, the benefits include, but not limited to, the following:

- Newsletter & updates from FACT on events and developments
- Access to multicultural business directory
- Access to FACT specific platform and online Member Portal
- Discounted rate to participate Asialicious events and expo
- Business card sized advertisements in one of FACT Newsletter per year
- Exclusive perks and leads on doing business in Asian countries and across Canada

ELITE

For Elite Members, the benefits include, but not limited to, the following:

- All of Corporate Membership's privileges
- Access to business matching and trade mission to Asian countries
- Designation of 2 representatives to receive membership benefits and participate in FACT events
- Through the collaboration between FACT & Change Connect, any purchase of a training course from the latter at full price will receive a free Elite Membership