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Dear Friends and Supporters:

On behalf of Chinese Canadian National Council (CCNC) and CCNC Toronto Chapter (CCNCTO), we would like to extend a personal invitation to you, your family and friends to celebrate a historic moment for the Chinese Canadian community at our Annual Tribute Dinner.

Descendants of the Dragon

**Location: Ruby Chinese Restaurant
1571 Sandhurst Circle, Scarborough (Finch & McCowan)
Date: October 5, 2006
Reception: 6:00 p.m. Dinner: 7:00 p.m.**

CCNC, CCNC chapters and redress-seeking groups across Canada have worked tirelessly on the campaign for redress of the Chinese Head Tax and Exclusion Act. Here in Toronto, CCNC, CCNCTO, and the Ontario Coalition of Chinese Head Tax payers and families galvanized community support, lobbied government officials, and helped to re-register close to 1900 head tax families nationwide, effectively changing the tide of this 22 year campaign.

On June 22, 2006, Prime Minister Stephen Harper made a formal parliamentary apology to the Chinese Canadian community for 62 years of legislated racism, and provided symbolic financial redress to living Head Tax Payers and living spouses of deceased payers.

Our theme for this year's banquet, Descendants of the Dragon, will honour the struggles of our forbearers, as well as recognize the emerging political strength of our community as we move forward into the future. With your help, CCNC and CCNCTO will continue to champion social justice and equal representation for the Chinese Canadian community in Ontario and Canada.

Last year's 25th Anniversary dinner was attended by over 400 people. It was a great networking opportunity and a perfect meeting place to reacquaint with colleagues and friends while supporting the important work that we do.

You can help make this year's event another great success by purchasing individual tickets or several tables of ten for your colleagues and friends. In addition, you may also consider sponsoring dinner tickets for seniors, youth and volunteers to attend; donating items for our evening's auction and raffle; purchasing an advertisement in our banquet book; or simply providing a cash donation to our organizations.

All sponsors and donors will be acknowledged and all cash donations of over \$20 to the Chinese Canadian National Education Fund will be issued a tax receipt upon request.

CCNC and CCNCTO rely on the ongoing support of community and business leaders like you. **We hope that you can join us in celebrating one of the most historically important years for the Chinese Canadian community.**

For more information, please contact **Victor Wong at (416) 977-9871 or by email at national@ccnc.ca** or **Karen Sun at (416) 596-0833 extension 3 or by email at karen@ccnctoronto.ca.**

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at the banquet.



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Esther Yip
Co-Presidents, CCNC Toronto Chapter



Victoria Shen
Co-Presidents, CCNC Toronto Chapter

全加華人協進會(平權會) 及多倫多分會將在十月五日于紅寶石餐廳舉辦第二十六屆[龍的傳人] 年度晚宴。今年晚宴的主題是緬懷華裔先驅的苦難掙扎，並表彰將社區帶向未來的新生力量。

平權會、平權會多倫多分會及其他尋求平反人頭稅的組織為人頭稅和排華法案的平反工作努力了近22年。這期間他們激發社區的覺醒和支持、遊說政府官員、在全國範圍內幫助大約1900個人頭稅苦主家庭登記在案。他們長期不懈的努力終於迎來了今年6月22日保守黨政府的正式道歉。

今年6月22日，哈帕總理在國會為加拿大華裔社區所遭受的長達62年的立法性種族歧視進行了正式道歉，總理並許諾將向在世的人頭稅苦主及遺孀進行象徵性的經濟賠償。

10月5日[龍的傳人] 晚宴將慶祝和紀念這一歷史性的時刻，同時緬懷我們的華裔先驅為開拓華人在加拿大的今年所作出的貢獻和遭受的苦難。晚宴並將表彰社區新生的政治力量，共創美好的未來。

去年約有超過400人參加了平權會及多倫多分會舉辦的25周年晚宴，為來賓提供了建立關係網絡、新朋舊友相聚的絕佳機會。平權會及多倫多分會期待您的支持，使我們可以繼續在安省為華裔社區爭取社會正義和平等而奮鬥。

您可以購買晚宴的個人和團體票，也可以資助耆老、青年及志願者參加晚宴、捐贈晚宴拍賣物品，購買晚宴宣傳冊中的廣告，或者向平權會捐贈現金，凡超過20元的現金捐贈可以獲得退稅發票。

晚宴將於十月五日晚在位于 Finch 和 McCowan 的紅寶石餐廳舉行，地址為1571 Sandhurst Circle。晚六點開始入場七點晚宴開始。詳情請與Victor Wong 聯絡，電話為416-977-9871，電子郵箱為national@ccnc.ca。或 Karen Sun，話為416-596-0833 轉3，電子郵箱為karen@ccnctoronto.ca。