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Media Release

Asian Heritage Month Activities with the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto

On May 10, 2023, the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto (CCCGT) is honoured to launch the Asian Heritage Month Project funded by the Ontario Ministry of Education.

The purpose of the project is to recognize and reflect on the many contributions that people of Asian origin have made, and continue to make to Canada, through the creation of a new curriculum-aligned digital and online resource materials and toolkits, to assist with the understanding of the Asian Heritage Month, and the Chinese Exclusion Act in Ontario. A special Asian Cultural Sharing Fair will be planned and presented during the Asian Heritage Month 2023, with partners from the cultural community.

Project Activities

Activity #1: Creation and production of digital and online resource materials

The CCCGT will create and produce digital and online resource materials and toolkits to assist in the learning of Asian Heritage Month in Ontario. Resources will be aligned with the curriculum from grade 1 to 12 and will be made available for a minimum of two years on CCCGT's website.

Resources will include storytelling videos, printable and colorable Asian Heritage Month posters, pamphlets, questions and answers documents, and craft videos.

Resources will also engage students and teachers in thinking critically about commemorating the Chinese Exclusion Act. The CCCGT will distribute the resources created through outreach with its existing network, including local school boards.

Activity #2: Asian Cultural Sharing Fair

The CCCGT will deliver an in-person full-day Asian Cultural Sharing Fair on May 28, 2023 at Yonge-Dundas Square, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm. There will be an online live broadcast which can be streamed in the classrooms across the province. The content will be aligned with the curriculum, and include Asian costumes, crafts, arts, music, dance, and food culture showcasing and demonstrations.

Activity #3: Reflection on the Chinese Exclusion Act Online Forum

The CCCGT will organize an online forum for students, teachers, historians, and community members to discuss and reflect on the impacts of the 1923 Chinese Immigration Act (Chinese Exclusion Act) on Canada, and how to learn from this history. A recording of the forum and the video will be posted online for teachers to use in the classroom, and a summary of the forum will be produced as a teaching resource.

This Asian Heritage Month's website will be posted on the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto's website for two years. It will continue to expand and be updated with current related materials as resources for students and teachers.