

Chinese media scan as at February 22, 2018
Major issues and topics
Potential Questions from Chinese media

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Chinese museum - showcasing Chinese historical artifacts in Royal B.C. Museum	Sing Tao Daily – headline story from David Jang's year-end interview with the Premier. Premier told David that Minister Chow is responsible for the follow up.	City of Vancouver will issue an apology (re: racist historical law at municipal level) to Chinese Canadians on April 17 th . Given the timeline of apology, Sing Tao will likely ask about the progress of Chinese museum (an election promise).
Chinese Legacy Initiatives – established by the previous government. -Celebration book -Legacy Initiative Advisory Council (LIAC) Chair of LIAC, Ken Tung, voiced his concern in Chinese media about the lack of communications between new government and the Committee. In November 2017, Mr. Tung said that he and the committee members have not received any email communication in the past 6 months. There was no LIAC meeting.	Ming Pao – reporter Victoria Chang has mistakenly reported the end of Chinese legacy project according to Communications Director at Ministry of Arts, Tourism & Culture. There were attempts to correct the information between the reporter and Comms Director. The reporter had offered to publish a follow up story with the corrections. There has been no coverage on this story.	The Celebration book will be launched on Friday February 23 rd evening. Media Advisory is scheduled to release at 9:30. Ming Pao and other media outlets will likely request for more details about the Celebration book, the monument and the future of LIAC.
BC Budget - Housing measures (foreign buyers tax, speculation tax and property transfer tax) The Canadian Alliance of Chinese Associations gave the budget 3.5/5. The President said the Chinese community were not consulted on these housing measures.	Housing measures are headline stories in Chinese media – front page in Ming Pao & Sing Tao. CHMB AM1320 talk show – skeptical about the effectiveness of housing measures given the statistics on foreign buyers in BC.	The housing measures can be interpreted as driving away foreign investments and not good for the economy. Various media outlets say the term 'moderate the market' is vague. Media will likely seek clarifications around concrete goal of the 30-point housing plan.
BC Budget - \$10/day child care promise, Richmond Hospital, MSP Premium	The radio talk show hosts began referring the \$10/day childcare promise as a slogan. An editor piece in Sing Tao raised two concerns 1) No sign of \$10/day childcare in budget. Universal child care policy could become a financial trap if it's	-There was no mention of Richmond General Hospital in the budget. The hospital is not earthquake proof. Residents in Richmond will want to know if it is a priority. -MSP premium will phase out in 2020. There

	<p>poorly executed.</p> <p>2) NDP waited 16 years to govern again, government prioritize on social benefit policy, scrap balanced budget and increase tax burden.</p>	<p>will be an employer health tax. What would you say to small business owners?</p> <p>-How can you ensure the budget is balanced?</p> <p>-What happened to the \$10/day child care promise?</p>
Minimum Wage Increase	<p>Given the recent protest and criticism against Ontario government's drastic minimum wage hike, Chinese media coverage of Premier's announcement is less critical. Overall opinion - minimum wage hike is a growing trend.</p>	<p>CHMB AM1320 talk show host's position on minimum wage hike remains unchanged – bleak outlook for Chinese small business owners, especially foodservice operators.</p> <p>The questions will likely focus on the concerns of business owners, and potential job loss in foodservice sector.</p>
Recreational marijuana legalization	<p>Sing Tao reporter, James Fung is one of the founding members of the "July 2018 Marijuana Legalization Concern Group". This Chinese group is against legalization.</p>	<p>There is a petition to Canadian Senators to delay the legalization. The group is against personal cultivation at home.</p> <p>Questions will likely focus on the enforcement aspect of drug-impaired driving and how to protect the children.</p>
Employer Health Tax	<p>Fairchild AM1470 – 2 daily talk shows today reiterate the same sentiment. Government is "double dipping", didn't take the advice of MSP task force, and did not consult the business community, new tax is hurting small business (already facing minimum wage hike)</p>	<p>Questions will likely focus on reactions from Chinese restaurant operators. The outlook is gloomy. Possible course of actions: reduce workers hours, hiring freeze, pass the cost to consumers</p>

Premier Horgan
Chinese Media Roundtable
Media Attendance
March 2, 2018

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Ding Quo	OMNI News	604-765-8213
Moru Chen	Global Chinese Press	604-321-5586
Frank Qi	OMNI News	778-558-5179
Zai Xin MA	Dawa Business Press	604-267-1778
Robert Zhang	West Canada Weekly	604-270-6606
Erika Liu	West Canada Weekly	604-270-6606
Sui Hong	Rise Weekly	778-991-8575
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Lisa Wu	Phoenix TV	604-780-5393
Lily Zhang	Vision Times Vancouver	604-288-0298
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Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 9:16 AM
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX
Cc: Duncan, Kate JTT:EX; Li, Joseph GCPE:EX
Subject: Roundtable

Hi Jen,

I've put a hold in MGC's calendar for 11am this Friday so he can attend the Chinese Media roundtable. Could you please let me know when location details are confirmed or if the time changes?

Thanks!
Jacqueline

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Subject: Fwd: Premier's Chinese Media Roundtable - Mar 02 @ 11am

FYI—MGC will be attending.

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Subject: Premier's Chinese Media Roundtable - Mar 02 @ 11am

Good afternoon,

The Premier's Chinese Media Roundtable that was originally scheduled for last Friday and cancelled due to weather has been re-scheduled for this Friday, March 2nd. We are hoping Minister Chow is available to join the Premier at this event. The details are as follows:

Date and time: Friday, March 2nd, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: Golden Swan Restaurant, 5380 Victoria Dr, Vancouver

Event plan: the Premier will deliver brief remarks followed by a short Q&A session. The remaining time will consist of informal conversation between the Premier/Ministers/MLAs and media over dim sum.

Please let me know if Minister Chow is able to attend. If you have any questions or require further information, please let me know.

Many thanks,
Elena

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Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 2:05 PM
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Subject: RE: Premier's Chinese Media Roundtable - Mar 02 @ 11am

Certainly. I'll be there and thanks for letting me know.

Joseph

From: Louie, Jacqueline JTT:EX
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 12:58 PM
To: Li, Joseph GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Premier's Chinese Media Roundtable - Mar 02 @ 11am

Hi Joseph,

Both JM and I think it would be great for you to attend if you're available—let me know.

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To: Louie, Jacqueline JTT:EX
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Subject: RE: Roundtable

Hi Jacqueline,

No problem! I will send the summary later this afternoon including today's news scan.

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To: Truong, Lele GCPE:EX
Cc: Li, Joseph GCPE:EX
Subject: Roundtable

Hi Lele,

Would you be able to send Joseph and I a scan of news in the Chinese media that could come up tomorrow?

Thank you,
Jacqueline

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Cc: Sherlock, Stephanie GCPE:EX
Subject: Chinese media roundtable March 2 - Chinese media scan, issues & reactions to budget
Attachments: Chinese media scan as at March 1_for Ministers & MLAs.docx; Sing Tao Daily_Province confirms funding for Richmond Hospital expansion_2018.02.14_TNO.pdf; Premier year-end interview with Sing Tao_TNO 2017.12.18.pdf; Chinese Legacy Initiatives Advisory Council to be retired after completing work_Ming Pao 2017.11.28.pdf; Reactions to 2018 BC budget_non Chinese daily news, March 1.docx

Hi Jacqueline, Niki, Joseph,

Please find attached a summary of major issues from the Chinese media scan.

Also enclosed is the reactions to BC budget from non-Chinese daily newspapers (Dawa Business Press, Global Chinese Press and West Canada Weekly). The editors and columnists of these newspapers will be attending the roundtable.

There aren't many staunch criticism on the budget, except those from the opposition members using headline such as 'tax the rich, and don't give to the poor'.

Let me know if you have any questions and/or require more information.

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Non-daily Chinese newspaper – Analysis & Opinion piece as at March 1, 2018

Dawa Business Press 2018.02.23

Headline: 省府預算案出台，你滿意嗎？ Are you satisfied with the provincial budget?

http://dawanews.com/article/politics_pinglun/%E7%9C%81%E5%BA%9C%E9%A2%84%E7%AE%97%E6%A1%88%E5%87%BA%E5%8F%B0%E7%BC%8C-%E4%BD%A0%E6%BB%A1%E6%84%8F%E5%90%97%E7%BC%9F

Selected comments on the budget:

Although the government reported a surplus, but in fact it is very small, as the ICBC loss continues, the less optimistic about the economic situation in the province.

- This sugar budget would warm the heart of some workers, but it does not see any niche for businesses. On the whole, this is a budget is all about the livelihood issues but have not done so on the overall economic blueprint. For example, the major industries in our province: forests, minerals, oil and gas, fisheries and agriculture have not been mentioned in the Budget. It is incredible.
- The NDP government's political calculation in their budget seems too obvious. Its emphasis is only on real estate market and social welfare. This obviously targets the needs of voters in the metropolitan area. It is precisely NDP's political base. The lack of mention of such industries as agriculture, forestry, fishing and mineral mines implied they are ignoring the voters in the hinterland or the north shore, as these places have never been a base for the New Democrats.
- Similarly, the question of the funding for Richmond Hospital mentioned before the election has not been included in this budget, nor is it because the city of Richmond has no relationship with NDP government? Liu Hai (sp), a commentator who lives in Richmond and who is going to run for City Council this year, said it is unfair to residents of Richmond. He and many community workers plan to go on a march in March to protest the provincial government's indifference to hospital resources and safety behavior.
- 17 years later, the NDP came up with the blueprint for their policies, and its decision-making is certainly mixed, but time can always prove that, in contrast to the Liberal Party, is the NDP really able to stabilize the BC economy.

Global Chinese Press 2018.02.23 e-paper

An article in Reader's Views section, page A2 entitled "Serve the voters vs. Serve the People" by Frank Qi (columnist)

- Frank described mixed reactions to the NDP's first budget from his circle of Chinese friends. The focus is foreign buyers' tax and speculation tax. The rich and property owners yelled (at the budget) while those who work to pay off the mortgage said good.
- NDP government is facing a challenge to deliver \$10/day child care (slogan during the campaign) because it is a financial burden to the government and taxpayers. It's easier said than done.
- To his surprise, the allocation of funding (infrastructure investment) is completely partisan based on Richmond Hospital and George Massey Tunnel. The NDP government put on the construction project on hold but somehow they found \$14 billion for the Pattullo bridge.
- Frank concluded by saying that the NDP government is not the majority, there is no need to employ so many tactics. Now (the party) is in government, should be open and gracious in governance.

West Canada Weekly 2018.02.24 e-paper

The article written by Erika entitled "2018 BC budget: Tax the rich and give to the poor from now on"

Major focus in budget:

Housing – foreign buyers tax, speculation tax, property transfer tax, presale condo registry, close property tax loopholes

Childcare- increase 22,000 licensed childcare spaces, provide every child up to \$1250/month subsidy,

Healthcare – elimination of MSP in 2020, new employer health tax effective 2019

Others – luxury tax, ferry fare freeze, carbon tax, post-secondary education spending, tobacco tax,

Election promises that are still outstanding

- 1) \$10/day child care
- 2) Richmond Hospital new acute tower
- 3) George Massey Bridge
- 4) \$400 renter rebate

In addition, the reporter included a Postmedia online survey results – 55.8% say 'no' and 44.2% say 'yes' when asked if they are satisfied with the budget.

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<p>Anglicized Chinese names in BC Services Card replacement program - Earlier immigrants of Chinese descent use English names (unofficial) or hyphenated names in MSP& driver license have been told that they can no long include the English name in driver license and must go through a name change process (notary and criminal background checks required).</p> <p>The government has yet respond.</p>	<p>Fairchild AM1470, Ming Pao, Sing Tao & various English media outlets have reported the issue and personal stories.</p> <p>Civic Education Society held a press conference on Feb 9th – calling on the government to simplify the name change process. http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/b-c-services-card-name-1.4542497</p> <p>http://www.richmond-news.com/news/bc-service-card-creates-two-name-situation-for-long-time-immigrants-1.2317683</p> <p>Fairchild AM1470 hosted a talk show on Feb 12th. The reporter has reached out to several ministries for a response. His request is still outstanding from Feb. 9th</p>
<p>Richmond Hospital –new acute care tower</p>	<p>Major Chinese media outlets and WeChat groups ran stories about the disappointment in BC government that Richmond Hospital expansion was not included/mentioned in the budget.</p> <p>On Feb 24th, Sing Tao reported that the Premier confirmed funding to the new acute centre. <i>See attachment.</i></p>
<p>George Massey Bridge Tunnel Replacement Funding</p>	<p>Chinese media have been reporting that the government’s decision to replace Pattullo bridge and neglect George Massey Bridge is both political and partisan.</p>
<p>Chinese-Canadian Advisory Committee - Transparency</p>	<p>A concern was raised by Chinese media outlet: several media representatives are appointed in this committee, and who might be privy to government announcement and decisions.</p>
<p>Modular housing site protests in Marpole and Richmond Chinese community</p>	<p>Chinese media have been running headline stories about the protests and court challenge by Mapole residents.</p> <p>A librarian was assaulted in Richmond modular housing meeting (500 people in attendance) last</p>

	<p>night. http://www.richmond-news.com/news/richmond-librarian-allegedly-assaulted-with-flying-bruce-lee-kick-at-homeless-housing-meeting-1.23188161</p> <p>Overall opinion: government's indifferent attitude towards to the voice of local residents.</p>
Chinese museum - showcasing Chinese historical artifacts in Royal B.C. Museum	Sing Tao Daily – headline story from David Jang's year-end interview with the Premier. Premier told David that Minister Chow is responsible for the follow up. <i>See attachment.</i>
<p>Chinese Legacy Initiatives – established by the previous government.</p> <p>-Celebration book – Feb. 23 launch was cancelled due to snow storm. No date has been set for the launch.</p> <p>-Legacy Initiative Advisory Council (LIAC)</p> <p>Chair of LIAC, Ken Tung, voiced his concern in Chinese media about the lack of communications between new government and the Committee. In November 2017, Mr. Tung said that he and the committee members have not received any email communication in the past 6 months. There was no LIAC meeting.</p>	<p>Ming Pao – reporter Victoria Chang has mistakenly reported the end of Chinese legacy project according to Communications Director at Ministry of Arts, Tourism & Culture. <i>See attachment.</i></p> <p>There were attempts to correct the information between the reporter and Comms Director. The reporter had offered to publish a follow up story with the corrections. There has been no coverage on the development of this story.</p> <p>Eric Chan – Ming Pao reporter has been very keen on the details and have requested for photo of Celebration Book.</p>
<p>BC Budget - Housing measures (foreign buyers tax, speculation tax and property transfer tax)</p> <p>The Canadian Alliance of Chinese Associations gave the budget 3.5/5. The President said the Chinese community were not consulted on these housing measures.</p>	<p>Housing measures continue to dominate headline stories in Chinese media.</p> <p>CHMB AM1320 talk show – skeptical about the effectiveness of housing measures given the statistics on foreign buyers in BC.</p> <p>Uncertain current affair commentators describe the negative impact as going back to the shadow of 1990s</p>
<p>BC Budget – Childcare</p> <p>1) \$10/day child care promise,</p> <p>2) Confusions and various interpretation about the 'new affordable child care benefit' investment.</p>	<p>1)Radio talk show hosts began referring the \$10/day childcare promise as a slogan. Several opinion pieces from Chinese media characterize the "\$10/day childcare" as a broken promise, but once it is implemented, the deeper financial hole is inevitable.</p> <p>2)Chinese media have been quoting the new child care benefit details (from press materials). In the analysis, reporters try to assess the impact of this</p>

	new benefit while comparing it with the \$10/day child care promise.
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