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Subject: Address: Opening Ceremonly of World Guangdong Community Federation Conference
Location: Vancouver Convention Centre East Wing - Hall A&B

Start: Mon 2018-05-28 9:30 AM
End: Mon 2018-05-28 11:30 AM

Recurrence: (none)

Organizer: PREM CAL PREM:EX

Events: Elena
Cabinet Priorities: Danielle
Digital: Heron

Venue contact: William Ma – s.22
Regina Tsui –

Photographer: tbc
PO staff: Evan and Sheena
PPD: Names

Subject Matter Expert: name and cell
DM: name and cell

Speaking notes? Yes – 5 to 8 minutes, including consecutive translation

Attire: Business attire

Goal/Purpose:

Event summary:

Attendees: **OPEN TO MEDIA**
2,000 members of the World Guangdong Community Federation.

VIPs

Mr. SU Bo, Vice Minister of the United Front Department of the Communist Party of China

Ms. LI Xin, Vice Chairwoman of the Guangdong Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference

Ms. TONG Xiaoling, Consul General of Chinese Consulate

Mr. LEI Biao, Party Secretary of Guangdong Overseas Chinese Affairs Office

Ms. YAN Jingping, Director General of the Committee on Overseas Chinese, Ethnic and Religious Affairs of Guangdong People's Congress

Mr. Siu Ngai Lam, Co-Chairman of the 9th Conference of the World Guangdong Community Federation

Representative of Canadian Federal Government (TBC)

Mr. Gregor Robertson, Mayor of Vancouver

Invited:

Raymond Louie, City of Vancouver

Chak Au, City of Richmond

Jenny Kwan, MP Richmond Centre

Teresa Wat, MLA Richmond North Centre

Setup:

All VIPs seated on stage

Podium with microphone

Large screens on either side with translation of speeches

Green Room:

Ballroom C – VIP gathering spot

AGENDA

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| 9:25am | Arrive at Convention Centre East front entrance
<i>Greeted by Elena</i> |
| 9:26am | Proceed to Ballroom C for VIP gathering |
| 9:30am | VIPs lined up and marched into the main hall (A&B) with bagpipes |

9:37am Premier and VIPs seated on stage
Seating order tbc

NOTE: seats near front of room for Evan and Sheena

Opening ceremony:

RCMPs carry national flags to Hall A & B

National Anthem of Canada; National Anthem of China (flags are raised)

Musqueam First Nation Blessing Dance

MC Introduces VIPs

Reading of congratulatory messages

Remarks by VIPs

- Welcome remarks by Mr. Siu Ngai Lam, Co-Chairman of the Conference
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- Opening remarks by Representative of Canadian Federal Government(TBC)
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11:20am Ceremony concludes, gift exchange

11:25am Premier departs

Attachments:

-SN, Backgrounders, attendee lists, etc

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MEETING NOTE

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Date: May 16, 2018

PREPARED FOR: Honourable John Horgan, Premier of British Columbia

DATE AND TIME OF MEETING: 08:30am – 11:20am, May 28th at Vancouver Convention Centre Hall A & B (East Wing)

Agenda: 08:30-08:50am VIP Reception
08:55-09:10am Group photo
09:30-11:20am Opening Ceremony

ATTENDEES:

- Mr. SU Bo, Vice Minister of the United Front Department of the Communist Party of China
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- Ms. TONG Xiaoling, Consul General of Chinese Consulate
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- Mr. Siu Ngai Lam, Co-Chairman of the 9th Conference of the World Guangdong Community Federation
- Representative of Canadian Federal Government (TBC)
- Mr. Gregor Robertson, Mayor of Vancouver
- 2,000 members of the World Guangdong Community Federation.

ISSUE(S): Deliver Opening Remarks at the 9th Conference of the World Guangdong Community Federation.

BACKGROUND:

- The 9th Conference of the World Guangdong Community Federation (The Conference) will be held on May 27th to 28th, 2018 in Vancouver. Over 2,000 guests of Guangdong descent from around the world are expected to attend this conference.
- The Conference will include a welcome banquet on Sunday. The Monday program will feature a VIP reception, group photo, and an plenary session in the morning. The afternoon session will include the following break-outs:
 - Belt Road Initiative
 - Investing in Guangdong

- Digital Health
- Youth Forum
- The event will conclude with a gala dinner on Monday evening.
- Founded in 2000, the World Guangdong Community Federation is an exchange and fellowship platform for Guangdong associations and people from different countries. The mission of the federation is to connect Guangdong peoples from around the world, strengthen friendships, promote cultural exchanges, and foster business opportunities. Guangdong Province Overseas Chinese Affairs Office is the federation's secretariat.
- Before the opening session on Monday, Premier Horgan will have the opportunity to briefly meet with the VIPs from China and Canada at the networking reception.
- Ms. YAN Jingping, Director General of the Committee on Overseas Chinese, Ethnic and Religious Affairs of Guangdong People's Congress will visit the Legislature on May 29th afternoon, at the invitation of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Darryl Plecas. The Speaker Plecas is scheduled to visit Guangdong on June 11-15 and sign a LOI with Guangdong People's Congress.

DISCUSSION:

- Over 20 million overseas Chinese of Guangdong descent live in 100 countries. They account for 2/3 of all overseas Chinese. Over 550,000 ethnic Chinese have made B.C. their home, many of them with Guangdong roots.
- China is BC's second-largest trading partner, and accounts for 15.5% of BC's commodity exports (\$6.1 billion). Guangdong Province is the most populous (104 million) and wealthy province (by GDP) in China (\$1.4 trillion, approximately 11% of China's GDP). Guangdong's trade volume last year (\$1.14 trillion) accounts for 1/4 of China's total.
- The theme chosen for this year's conference: *One Belt, One Road - World Guangdong Together*, is also significant. The conference aims to strengthen economic ties, identify new business opportunities and foster intercultural understanding.
- The friendly relations between the peoples of BC and Guangdong date back over more than a century – and continue to thrive to this day. BC and Guangdong have been sister provinces since 1995. Premier Horgan's recent visit to Guangdong in January has further strengthened the twinning relationship.
- Both provinces have established the trade and investment representative offices in each other's territories. s.16

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SUGGESTED RESPONSE/KEY MESSAGING:

- BC enjoys a strong economic and cultural relationship with Guangdong and we recognize the benefits our ties bring to communities and families in both countries.
- The Conference is an excellent platform to connect with people from Guangdong and around the world to promote business opportunities and strengthen people's friendship.
- BC's robust economy, natural resources and stable business environment offer plentiful opportunities and we welcome all the members of the World Guangdong Community Federation to do businesses and invest in our province.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Overview of the Conference
2. Agenda of the Conference

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Attachment 1

The 9th Conference of the World Guangdong Community Federation Overview

The Guangdong Community Association of Canada is hosting the 9th Conference of the World Guangdong Community Federation May 27 to 29, 2018 in Vancouver.

The organizer invited officials from all three levels of government in Canada, and government officials from China to attend the event. The conference is a significant event for the Chinese community in Vancouver, and has received tremendous support from local community organizations.

The conference is held every two years. The hosting countries (region) of the past eight conferences are Singapore, China (Guangdong), China (Hong Kong), Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and China (Macau), and Australia. They were attended by over 18,000 Guangdong attendees from over 80 countries and regions.

Attachment 2

9th Conference of the World Guangdong Community Federation

Agenda

(Monday May 28, 2018)

Venue: Vancouver Convention Centre, East Wing

08:30-08:50 VIP Reception

Attendees: Government officials from Canada and China, conference organizers
(Approximate 60 in total)

Venue: Room No. 8 (2nd Floor)

08:50 VIPs walk to Hall A & B (Convention Level)

08:55-09:10 Group Photo Session

Venue: Hall A & B

Attendees: All (over 2,000)

09:10-09:30 VIPs walk to Hall C and wait for the Opening Ceremony

09:30-09:32 MC announces the beginning of the Opening Ceremony

09:32-09:37 Bagpipers lead VIPs to Hall A & B

09:37-09:47 RCMPs carry national flags to Hall A & B

09:47-10:00 National Anthem of Canada; National Anthem of China (flags are raised)

10:00-10:05 Musqueam First Nation Blessing Dance

10:05-10:10 MC Introduces VIPs

10:10-10:20 Reading of congratulatory messages

10:20-11:20 Remarks by VIPs

- Welcome remarks by Mr. Siu Ngai Lam, Co-Chairman of the Conference
- Welcome remarks by Mr. LEI Biao, Party Secretary of Guangdong Overseas Chinese Affairs Office
- Opening remarks by Representative of Canadian Federal Government(TBC)
- Opening remarks by Mr. SU Bo, Vice Minister of the United Front Department of the Communist Party of China
- Opening remarks by Honourable John Horgan, Premier of British Columbia
- Remarks by Ms. LI Xin, Vice Chairwoman of the Guangdong Committee of Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference
- Remarks by Ms. TONG Xiaoling, Consul General of Chinese Consulate
- Remarks by Mr. Gregor Robertson, Mayor of Vancouver

12:00-14:00 VIP Lunch

Attendees: Government officials from Canada and China, conference organizers

Venue: "Cypress Suite" of Pan Pacific Hotel

Notes: Exclusive Lunch for approximately 60 VIPs. The other guests will be having lunch at the Convention Center – Exhibition Hall C.

14:00-15:45 “One Belt, One Road; World Guangdong Together” Forum (Hosted by Guangdong Government)

Attendees: 350 Guests

Venue: Exhibition Hall B

14:30-16:00 Guangdong Province Investment, Business Environment Promotion

(Hosted by CCPIT Guangdong)

Attendees: 320 Guests and GC

Venue: Meeting Level – Room No. 2 & 3

14:00-16:00 Digital Health Forum (Hosted by UBC)

Attendees: 350 Guests

Venue: Exhibition Hall A

14:30-16:00 The 3rd Youth Forum (Hosted by conference organizer)

Attendees: 300 Guests

Venue: Meeting Level – Room No. 11 + 12

19:00-21:30 Gala Dinner and Cultural Performance

Venue: Exhibition Hall A + B + C

Attendees: All



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January 15, 2018

Honourable John Horgan, Premier

Re: The 9th Conference of the World Guangdong Community Federation

It is with great honour and privilege that we extend our sincere invitation to you *to send us a greeting letter* and *to attend* the Grand Opening Ceremony of The 9th Conference of The World Guangdong Community Federation and The 3rd World Congress of Guangdong Overseas Chinese Youth on Monday May 28, 2018 at the Vancouver Convention Centre East Building at 999 Canada Place, Vancouver, BC. Our starting time will be at 9.00 am for a group photo session, then at 9.30 am the opening session of The 9th Conference of The World Guangdong Community Federation will commence.

Since The Conference of The World Guangdong Community Federation first hosted in 2000, The Conference has been serving as an excellent platform for the communication and cultural exchange among those with the Guangdong origin. The Conference helps explore business opportunities, promote friendly relationship and serve the community by a group of professionals and business leaders representing various sectors from around the world.

Every two years, The Conference is hosted in a different place. In the past 17 years, there were over eighteen thousand attendees from more than eighty countries participated at The Conference hosting at Singapore, Guangdong (China), Hong Kong (China), Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and Macau (China).

This year, The Conference will be hosted in Vancouver, Canada and the theme of The Conference is "One Belt, One Road; World Guangdong Together". We are expecting 2000 + guests from the Guangdong Community organizations around the world. We truly believe that it will be another great success which brings brighter future in the collaboration of all kinds.

We sincerely hope that you will consider our invitation favourably. For further details, please visit our web site www.2017wgcf.com/en/. In addition, your assistance in providing a written greeting and photograph that will appear in the event program would be greatly appreciated. Kindly forward the greeting and photograph to us by email to admin@2017wgcf.com by February 2, 2018.

We would be grateful if you would RSVP by email to admin@2017wgcf.com, or by phone with Raymond Tam at 778-779-4428 by February 2, 2018.

Yours sincerely,

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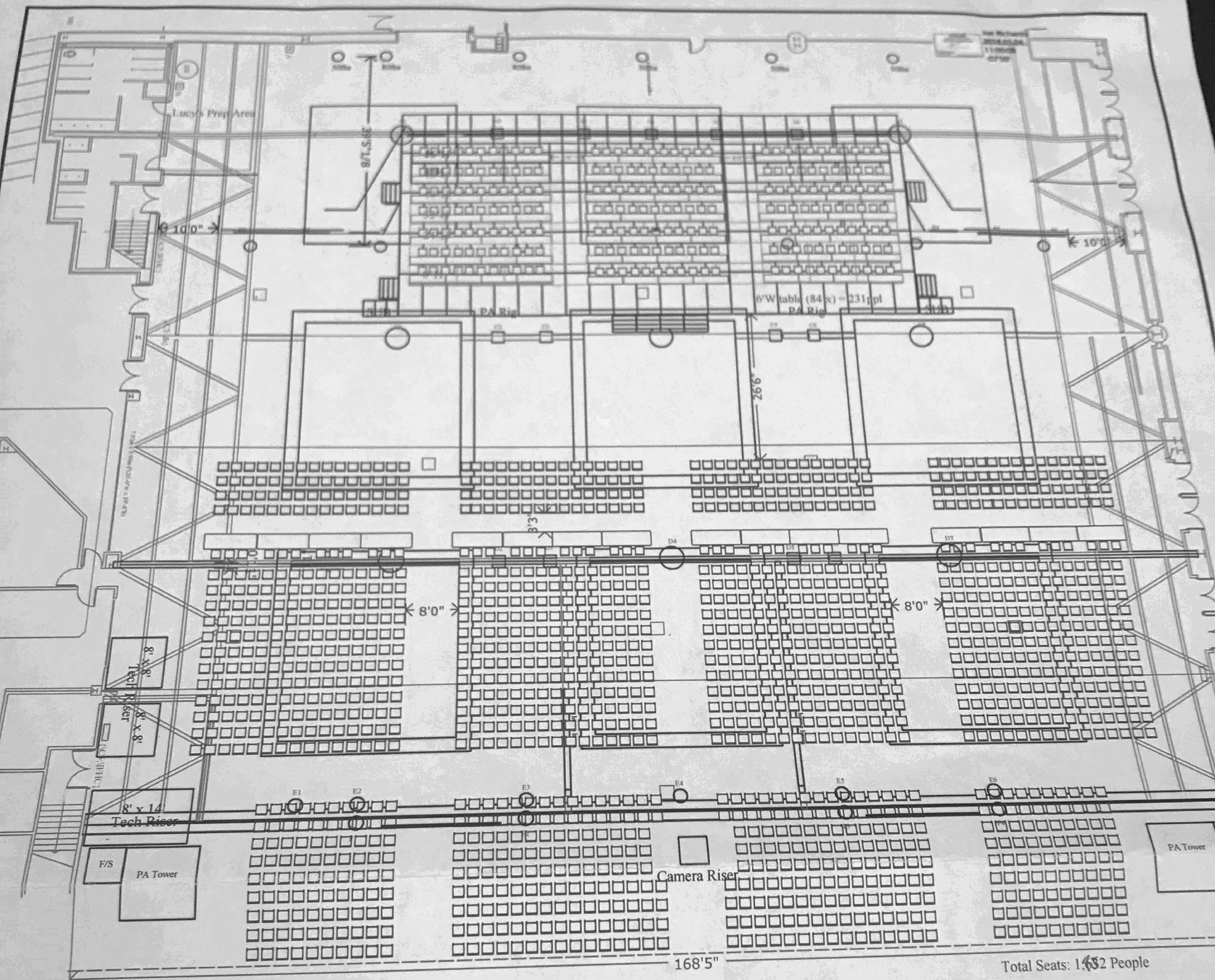
Conference Information

Date : May 28, 2018

Venue: Vancouver Convention Centre, East Building at 999 Canada Place, Vancouver

Agenda

Date	Time	Event	Venue
May 28 Monday	08:30	VIP Reception Government Officers / Guests of Honour's Arrival	Ballroom C
	09:00-11:30	Group Photo & Opening Session -The 9th Conference of the World Guangdong Community Federation & - The 3rd World Congress of Guangdong Overseas Chinese Youth	Hall A + B
	12:00-13:30	Luncheon	Convention Centre
	14:00-15:20	Group Exchange Forum & "One Belt, One Road; World Guangdong Together" Forum	Ballroom A+B+C
	15:30-17:00	Youth Forum	Ballroom A+B+C
	15:30-17:00	Guangdong Province Investment Business Environment Promotion	Ballroom A+B+C
	14:30-16:30	Digital Health Forum	Ballroom A+B+C
	15:30-17:30	Gift / Plaque Presentation	Convention Centre
	17:00-18:00	3 rd Executive Council Meeting	Convention Centre
	All Day	Photo Exhibition	Convention Centre
	19:00-22:30	Opening Session -The 9th Conference of the World Guangdong Community Federation & - The 3rd World Congress of Guangdong Overseas Chinese Youth Performance Gala Dinner	Hall A + B



Total Seats: 1,432 People

From: Chow, George
To: Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX
Cc: Li, Joseph GCPE:EX; Louie, Jacqueline JTT:EX; Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Guangdong Community Association Letter
Date: Thursday, January 11, 2018 5:31:59 PM
Attachments: Guangdong Community Association 9th Conference.pdf

Hi Kate,

As discussed Tuesday at your office.

- 1) Attached is a letter from the Guangdong Community Association of Canada requesting a congrats letter from the Premier, by Feb 2, 2018, on occasion of The 9th Conference of the World Guangdong Community Federation to be held at the Vancouver Convention Centre from May 27 to 29 of this year (expected attendance 2000+ people). The Premier is requested to attend the opening session at the Convention Centre at 9am for a group photo and opening remarks at around 9:30am. I would recommend attendance by the premier.
- 2) As you may know, the BC-Guangdong Business Council is organizing a welcome dinner on Sunday Jan 21 at Guangzhou city to welcome the premier/ministers/official delegation upon their arrival from Vancouver the same evening. In order to thank the organizers (many of whom belong to both the Business Council and the Guangdong Community Assoc), and to promote the Guangdong Community conference in Vancouver, I recommend a proclamation by the premier, to be presented at the Guangzhou dinner on Jan 21. As discussed, would you please draft and produce the proclamation in commemoration of the 9th Conference of the World Guangdong Community Federation being held in Vancouver in May 2018.
- 3) I thought a few Chinese words on the proclamation would help in terms of media exposure in the Chinese media and I have asked Joseph Li of GCPE to help.

Thanks so much!

Regards,
George Chow

From: Chang, Stephanie
Sent: Friday, January 5, 2018 4:09 PM
To: Chow, George s.17
Subject: Guangdong Community Association Letter

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December 18, 2017

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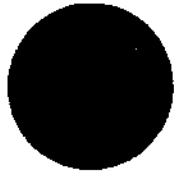
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Overview

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The World Guangdong Community Federation (WGCF) was founded in 2000, is an exchange and fellowship platform for Guangdong associations and people from different countries. The mission of the federation is to connect Guangdong people around the world, strengthen friendship, promote culture, enhance business opportunities, community service, strengthen unity and supporting each other.

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The executive council consists of past and present WGCF organizers. The Director of the People's Government of Guangdong Province Overseas Chinese Affairs Office serves as the Chairman of the executive council, the current WGCF host/organizer as the executive chairman. The federation secretariat is located at the Guangdong Province Overseas Chinese Affairs Office.

Since the 7th WGCF, the host/organizer of the WGCF also concurrently host the World Congress of Guangdong Overseas Chinese Youth (WCGOCY).