

20TH ACCE AWARDS CELEBRATES ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT



Top notch — TORONTO

Winners of the 2016 Association of Chinese Canadian Entrepreneurs (ACCE) Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards are honored at a gala held on April 2 in Toronto. The awards recognize individuals and companies for their excellence in entrepreneurship in the Chinese-Canadian business community. PHOTO BY NALI / CHINA DAILY

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The Association of Chinese Canadian Entrepreneurs (ACCE), the largest nationwide Chinese-Canadian business association, held its awards gala at the Westin Harbour Castle in Toronto on April 2.

"This year marks the landmark 20th anniversary of the ACCE awards," said Irwin Li, president of ACCE and co-chair of the event. "We're moving forward to promote the business relationship by building a bridge between Canada and China."

"It is exciting to note that 19 years have passed since the ACCE founded these prestigious awards to recognize both individuals and companies for their excellence in entrepreneurship in the Chinese-Canadian business community," said Peter Lawler, co-chairman of this year's event. "Non-nationals for the 2016 awards were accepted from across Canada."

The event's keynote speech was delivered by Deepak Chopra, president and CEO of Canada Post.

Stanley Kwock, a community builder, urban planner, architect and developer from Vancouver, received the 2016 ACCE Lifetime Achievement Award. In all, eight award winners were honored at the gala.

Around 1,000 guests were in attendance, including successful entrepreneurs, business and community leaders, government officials, as well as members of associations and professional groups.

As a part of the association's tradition of giving back to the community, ACCE presented donation cheques to the Markham Stouffville Hospital and the Fu Hui Education Foundation.

In addition, eight local colleges and university students received ACCE scholarships.

ACCE is a not-for-profit organization incorporated in 1994. Its mission is to encourage entrepreneurship and strengthen the competitiveness of Chinese-Canadian businesses in the global market.



Giving back — TORONTO

ACCE President Irwin Li (centre) presents donation cheques to the Markham Stouffville Hospital and the Fu Hui Education Foundation as a part of the association's tradition of giving back to the community.



More competitive — TORONTO

Chinese Consul General in Toronto, Xue Bing, extends his greetings at the ACCE Awards Gala in Toronto on April 2. He noted that ACCE has been dedicating its efforts to strengthening the competitiveness of the Chinese-Canadian business in the global market.



Honor of a lifetime — TORONTO

Stanley Kwock (right), an urban planner, architect and developer based in Vancouver, is presented with the 2016 ACCE Lifetime Achievement Award by a sponsor from RBC Royal Bank.



Successive winners — TORONTO

Previous winners of the ACCE Chinese Canadian Entrepreneur Awards gather to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the ACCE Awards on April 2 in Toronto.



Bridging the gap — TORONTO

John McCallum, Canada's minister of immigration, refugees and citizenship, speaks at the 2016 ACCE Awards Gala on April 2 in Toronto. He encouraged the organization to bridge the business relationship between Canada and China.

Goings On



Scholars all — TORONTO

Eight local college and university students receive ACC Scholarships presented by Dave Wong, vice president of FACC E at the 2016 ACC Awards Gala held in Toronto on April 2. NALI / CHINADAILY