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Press Release

Chinese Canadian Legend Award 2017 "Our Country, Our Legends"

(May 5, 2017) The Asian Business Network Association (ABNA) announces today that it will start accepting nominations for 2017 Chinese Canadian Legend (CCL) Award. Set to the theme of "**Our Country, Our Legends**", this year's award will see six Chinese Canadians honoured for their significant contributions to Canada and the worldwide community.

Mr. Bammy Wong, President of the ABNA, says today at a press conference that ABNA is proud to present the Award for the 18th year. Since 2000, 106 outstanding individuals have received the prestigious Award. Alongside, a book was published each year to showcase their passion and courage.

Mr. Wong also says that ABNA is honoured to have former Senator Honourable Dr. Vivienne Poy and former Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba the Honourable Philip Lee as the Honorary Patrons of the Award. Other honourable members of the event include: Ms. Alexandra Ngan and Mr. Dennis Au-Yeung as Co-chairs of Organizing Committee, Mr. Stanley Kwan as Head of Nomination Committee, Mr. Stephen Siu as Chair of Editorial Committee, and Ms. Viola Poon as General Secretary of the event.

Co-Chair Alexandra Ngan says that 2017 is a special year as it marks the 150th Anniversary of Canada. This year's theme "Our Country, Our Legends" celebrates this historic year as we reflect upon our challenges and successes in the past as Chinese Canadians and renew ourselves for the future. By showing recognition to Chinese Canadians who have contributed greatly to our community and Canada, we hope the spirit of the Award will inspire all of us to manifest our unique Chinese culture in this multicultural country while integrating into mainstream and create more legends in Canada, our beloved country we proudly call home.

Award Gala Co-chair Dennis Au-Yeung says the goal of the CCL is to identify role models for our community, to acknowledge their achievements, and to share their inspiring stories with community local and afar. He also believes that many legendary figures have yet to be honoured among Chinese Canadians around the world, and he encourages nominations from all around to continue this meaningful event.

Nomination Committee Chair Stanley Kwan says that nominations are open to anyone, regardless of position, gender, age, or how rich or poor they are, as long as the nominee agrees to be nominated. The Committee will consider nominees' personal struggles to succeed despite adversary conditions, their fearless and courageous spirit, achievements, contributions, and their motivating impact on their friends and the community.

Stephen Siu, Chair of Editorial Committee, says CCL Award sets itself apart from other awards by recording and publishing the stories of the award recipients in a book collection. Their contribution and determination have not just provided inspiration and motivation for change in the community, but also become invaluable reference for ongoing research on Chinese Canadian immigrants. The Editorial Committee has invited outstanding writer Ms. Clorie Ng to do the interviews and write the stories in Chinese. The English version is produced by Ms. Connie Woo.

Bammy Wong said the book collections are now being kept in the Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Kong Library at the University of Toronto, as well as the libraries at University of Ottawa, University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University, University of Victoria, McGill University and Hong Kong Baptist University.

Nominations can be submitted in a nomination letter that includes the names of the nominator and nominee, their contact addresses, telephones, fax numbers and a biography under 1000 words. Nomination forms can also be downloaded from ABNA website www.abnaccl.ca.

Submissions should be mailed to Asian Business Network Association: Unit 33, 3400 14th Ave., Markham, Ont. L3R 0H7, or by email: info@abna.ca before June 30th 2017. All nomination information will be kept confidential.

This year, the CCL award gala will be held on Saturday Oct. 28 at the Sheraton Parkway Hotel in Markham. For enquiries, please visit www.abnaccl.ca or call (Camilla Tong) [416-292-6374](tel:416-292-6374).

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