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### Two Nights – 150 Years in the Making Don't miss the Sesquicentennial Celebrations of Chinese Canadian Achievements!

BC150, the Victoria Chinese Commerce Association and the 150 Years In Golden Mountain Celebration Committee will co-host a Celebration Launch on May 26, 2008 at the Hotel Grand Pacific, 463 Belleville Street, Victoria, BC. There will be a special announcement for the recognition of Chinese Canadian achievements.

This launch and announcement is part of the planned celebrations for 2008, which will culminate on August 8 & 9, 2008. On August 8, there will be a gala awards dinner at the Fairmont Empress Hotel. On August 9, the Celebration Pageant, “150 Years In Golden Mountain”, will be premiered at the Royal Theatre.

Sinclair Mar, Chair of the 150 Years In Golden Mountain Committee advises, “We have had a fantastic response to our call for nominations for the Golden Mountain Achievement Awards. The script and new music for the live stage show on August 9, 2008 is being finalized. It’s going to be a very exciting and entertaining show. I can’t wait to see all the actors, dancers and musicians bringing Chinese Canadian history alive and celebrating our culture and Canadian achievements with all Canadians.”

“BC150 is about celebrating our diversity, community strength and achievements – and 150 Years In Golden Mountain captures that spirit,” said Tourism, Sport and the Arts Minister Stan Hagen. “Congratulations to the Victoria Chinese Commerce Association and Chinese British Columbians on 150 years of contribution to our great province.”

“Our Chinese community is proud to celebrate BC150 and the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Chinatown,” said Oak Bay-Gordon Head MLA Ida Chong. “As a British Columbia born Chinese Canadian, I’m pleased to represent BC150 as we celebrate our cultural diversity and shared history.”

The presenting sponsors for both events are RBC Royal Bank and Fairway Market. The celebrations are presented with the support of BC150 and the City of Victoria.

Tickets for the Celebration Pageant are available at the McPherson Box Office and usual outlets, 386-6121 or 1.888.717.6121 or [www.rmts.bc.ca](http://www.rmts.bc.ca).

For more information, please visit [www.150goldenmountain.ca](http://www.150goldenmountain.ca) or contact the Celebration Chair, Sinclair Mar at 250-388-4933, or VCCA president, Amanda Mills at 250-727-0222.

