



August 31, 2009

Karen Sun, Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Sun:

RE: Letter of Support for Asian Heritage Month Youth Toolkits

The Ontario Student Trustees' Association - l'Association des élèves conseillers et conseillères de l'Ontario (OSTA-AECO) is proud to support the project of the Chinese Canadian National Council's Toronto Chapter (CCNCTO) to raise awareness of the Chinese Head Tax and Exclusion Act in high school students as part of Asian Heritage Month.

OSTA-AECO is the largest student stakeholder organization in the province representing and advocating on behalf of the over 2 million students in Ontario. Part of OSTA-AECO's mandate is to support equitable education inclusive of all the cultures which shaped Canada to be the great nation it is today. Unbiased knowledge of the past is necessary in a holistic and well-rounded education for active and informed citizens of tomorrow. OSTA-AECO commends the CCNCTO's efforts in ensuring that this important chapter of Canadian history reaches as many students as possible while engaging young learners to develop their own leadership skills both at school and in the greater community. The ability of this project to benefit both educators and students, regardless of their cultural backgrounds or ethnicities, is its greatest strength. The toolkits from this project will allow young learners to understand the discrimination the Chinese community faced in Canada's early years while providing them with the resources they need to further educate their peers. Asian Heritage Month is an important event which allows Canadians to gain a deeper appreciation of the diverse cultures represented in the communities in which we live. CCNCTO's contributions to this month through awareness of the Chinese Head Tax and Exclusion Act are proudly acknowledged by our organization.

OSTA-AECO is excited to lend its support and assistance to the Chinese Canadian National Council's Toronto Chapter's Asian Heritage initiative, and looks forward to seeing its effect on the global communities of Toronto and beyond.

Yours in education,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gorick Ng', is written over a horizontal line.

Gorick Ng

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