

INVITATION TO SUBMIT STORIES

*MISSING CHAPTERS: Untold Stories of Asian
Canadians in Calgary - March 2017*



Dear Community Members,

Asian Heritage Foundation (Southern Alberta) is the largest Pan-Asian organization in Alberta comprised of over 30 Asian communities. Our vision is to create a society that is increasingly inclusive and reflective of all cultures, and where Asian Canadians actively demonstrate pride in their contribution to Canadian society.

What are we looking for?

We are looking for YOUR story!

This year we are launching "***Missing Chapters: Untold Stories of Asian Canadians in Calgary***". This unique project stems from a thorough community consultation held in over 50 Asian communities in Calgary. Together, community members shared with us their desire to celebrate and share Canada's 150th birthday in a meaningful way. *Missing Chapters* speaks to the under-representation Asian Canadians' contributions to the public Canadian history, public discourse and consciousness. It will assemble a unique Pan-Asian collection of authentic and inspiring stories of participation and contribution, struggles, perseverance and resistance, identity and belonging, settlement and integration, social inclusion, community development and collaboration, as well as showcase the achievements of Asian Canadians in Calgary.

Missing Chapters can only succeed with the deep connections, influence and outreach capacity of our community partners and members. With the support of our funders and sponsors, the AHF is committed to assemble a strong team to support the work. The project will be shared widely through social and printed media, to be displayed at various locations throughout Calgary starting with Asian Heritage Month in May 2017.

Submission Categories & Criteria:

We are accepting submissions from a wide range of ages, professional backgrounds, and across all sectors. The contributions can be of any nature including but not limited to artistic, professional, social, economic, athletic, technical, or political. We provide two categories of submission:

1) **Achievement Category:** Stories that showcase Asian Calgarians and their significant contributions to Canada, both past and present. This category requires a stringent review and rating of applicants from a diversity of backgrounds, ages and types of achievements. Submissions will be rated on the following criteria:

- Nature of achievement (what was accomplished)
- Impact of achievement on people and communities (who was impacted)
- Type of achievement (aiming for variety in arts, social, education, business, public service etc.)
- Ability to inspire others
- Prior recognition and/or awards
- Quality of references & their comments

2) Appreciation Category: Stories that strengthen the richness and beauty of Canada's diversity, to raise awareness of Asian Canadians' significant history in Canada, and stories of participation, struggles and perseverance, contribution, identity & belonging, settlement & integration, social inclusion, community development and collaboration. Themes include, but are not limited to:

- Asian-Canadian history stories: include some historical photographs and stories, ideally from a personal perspective – family photos and stories, such as pictures from past Chinatown, early Japanese families, refugee stories, etc.
- History stories from our living elders – focusing on older people in the communities and their stories.
- Asian-Calgarian artists and their contributions to arts and culture in Canada.
- Immigration stories – focusing on the richness and diversity of Canada's immigrant population and celebrating Canada's immigration policies.
- Stories of community development and building efforts.
- Inspirational community members and work they are doing in our city and country.
- Youth stories of identity, connection, integration and citizenship.

*** Interpretation and translation services are available upon request to ensure a wide collection of stories from all Asian heritage communities.*

Who will Review the Story Submissions?

The selection committee has been carefully designed by invitation and will be made up of community leaders from broad-based institutions in Calgary including arts and culture, education, funders, the media, and business and community leaders. The goals of the selection committee are:

- To provide a fair, transparent and timely evaluation of submissions of stories.
- To increase the visibility of the *Missing Chapters* project and story selection process.
- To connect the Asian Heritage Foundation and the *Missing Chapters* project to Calgary's broader institutions to increase awareness, engagement and support.

If you have a personal, group or community story to share, please complete the attached submission form and send us the following:

1. Photo of the group or person
2. The story (no more than 500 words)
3. 2 references with contact information
4. For the « achievement category » please provide additional information about any awards and recognitions you or your group have received to date.

Submissions are to be emailed info@asianheritagecalgary.org as soon as possible. Entries received by March 31 that are selected may be showcased during Asian Heritage Month in May 2017. Entries will be reviewed continuously until October 2017. We we look forward to hearing from the community!

The Asian Heritage Foundation

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Name of Individual, Group or Community:

Contact Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Ethnic/Cultural Background: _____

Summary of your (or your group's) history and contributions to Canada (500 words or less):

Use additional page as needed...

Tell us something unique about you or your group that you would like to share:

Tell us something you love about living in Canada:

Reference 1

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Reference 2

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

For the Achievement Category: List all the rewards and recognition you have received.

** Please attach 1 or 2 photos of your group in action or a portrait of yourself.

Submitted on (enter date): _____

I understand that the story will be showcased to the public via social and printed media and I hereby give permission to the Asian Heritage Foundation for my story to be published:

_____ Yes Name: _____ Signature: _____

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