

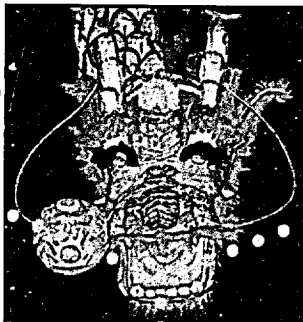
1997 Canada Thailand Business Forum

Toronto, Ontario, Sept. 22

Canadian exporters can discover opportunities for exporting to Thailand and attend workshops on the auto parts, fibreglass and plastics industries.

Organizer: Thailand Business Association of Canada Tel: (416) 597-8212

Street Dragon, Telok Ayer
Photo: Ronni Pinsler



Other CYAP Events

Cinefest

Sudbury, Ontario, Sept. 16-21

Cinefest, Sudbury's film festival, will feature Contemporary Films of Asia Pacific. The event is expected to attract up to 9,000 film enthusiasts.

"Fast Forward"

The Vibrant Art Scene of the Republic of Korea
Power Plant Gallery, Toronto, ON
September 26 - December 21

Fast Forward promises to be a ground-breaking exhibition, focussing on South Korea's young artistic vanguard. Featuring the works of six young South Korean artists, Fast Forward will be the first major Korean exhibition of contemporary art held in North America.

Quebec: Spotlight on Asia-Pacific Culture

Quebec audiences are known throughout the arts community as being among the most appreciative and supportive. Quebeckers will have ample opportunities to enjoy the rich cultural traditions and contemporary art of Asia Pacific in all its diversity. Whether its film, dance, or visual arts, CYAP has something for everyone's artistic tastes.

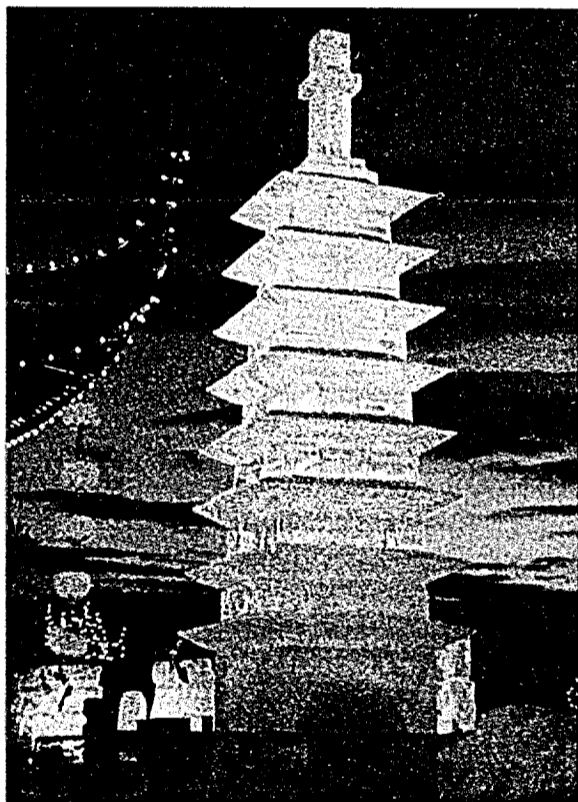


Photo: Ice Sculptures at the Jardins Botanique de Montreal.

Les Deux Mondes

Montreal's acclaimed theatre company, Le Théâtre des Deux Mondes, (Tel: (514) 593-4417) is bringing Quebecois youth and elders together for a series of intercultural and intergenerational workshops from April 1 to September 30. The elders will share their life stories and legends of their cultures.

Galerie Oboro

This spring, Galerie Oboro presented "Recognition," a video-based Montreal exhibition that focused on developing awareness and discussion on issues that affect Asia Pacific communities in Canada.

Montreal World Film Festival

Film buffs will have ample opportunity to catch Asia Pacific on the silver screen. An Indian film festival will be held in the fall, organized by the Bahrat Bahvan Foundation (514-397-6997). The Montreal World Film Festival will profile Japanese cinema August 22 - September 2, Tel:(514) 848-3883.

Korean Community Celebrates Tchou'Sok

Montreal's Korean Community invites the public to join them in the celebration of its traditional harvest festival, known as Tchou'Sok from September 11 to 21.

Festival events will provide a narrative of the history of Koreans in Quebec and the impact of Quebec society on the local Korean community. Film and video will further expand upon the meaning of the harvest festival for Koreans and Korean Canadians. The Orchestre des Jeunes Coréens de Montreal is also performing.

For information, contact festival organizers for performance times at (514) 484-5556.



The Orchestre des Jeunes Coréens de Montréal

Busy CYAP Calendar in Montreal

Four major events recently took place in Montreal as part of Canada's Year of Asia Pacific.

The Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)-Canada Business Council Joint Meeting, involving CEOs and senior government representatives from ASEAN countries and Canada, met May 4-6. This event also coincided with the premiere of "Eyes on ASEAN," a major exhibit of photographs from the ASEAN region.

Later the same week, APEC trade ministers met in Montreal, along with hundreds of government, business, and media representatives. The APEC Business Symposium on Customs Procedures was also held to coincide with the Trade Ministerial. With keynote speakers such as Renato Ruggiero, Director General of the World Trade Organization, and former U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor, the Conférence de Montréal provided an in-depth look at the opportunities and risks involved in doing business in Asia Pacific.

Clearly, Montreal is taking full advantage of its exposure to the Asia Pacific and the benefits of belonging to the Pacific community.



Première of "Eyes on ASEAN"

Champ Libre's Japanese Selection

The 3rd Annual Champ Libre International Festival of Video and Electronic Art will feature the works of 12 notable Japanese artists. CYAP's support is helping to ensure the Festival will provide greater opportunities for cultural exchanges with Japan. For information, call (514) 393-3937.