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President's Message

This year, one of the major goals of the Chamber is to substantially increase our membership and to do so by bringing into the Chamber those from within the Canadian community who own and operate small businesses. It is our aim to be representative of the whole spectrum of business in Hong Kong.

In order to achieve this goal, the Chamber now plans to introduce an "Entrepreneur" category of membership, under which owner-operated enterprises with 15 employees or less will be able to enjoy the benefits which the Chamber offers, particularly in relation to promotional activities, at a reduced membership cost. It is also hoped that existing members will recruit new members and incentives will be offered to members to encourage their active participation in our recruitment drive.

For the first time, this message appears in both the English and Chinese languages and it is intended that several of the Chamber's publications will, this year, include bilingual text as part of an initiative to attract Hong Kong business people who have business interests in or connections with Canada but for whom English is not their first language.

In September, the Chamber hosted a lunch at which members were addressed by His Excellency the Governor of Hong Kong, the Rt Honourable Christopher Patten. Those present were impressed by the frankness of the Governor and, as always, his eloquence.

The Commissioner for Canada, Mr John Higginbotham and his wife Michele, extended their hospitality to us by hosting a dinner in the convivial atmosphere of the High Commissioner's residence. On behalf of the chairman of the Board of Governors, members of the Board and Executive Committee, I would like to express our sincere thanks for an extremely enjoyable occasion.

香港加拿大商會陳清霞會長序辭

香港加拿大商會今年主要目標之一，是鼓勵加拿大商界內經營較小型的生意的人士加入商會，藉此積極擴大會員人數。我們的主旨，正是要使在港的整體加拿大商界具有代表性。

為了達到這個目標，加拿大商會現正計劃推出一項「企業家」會籍，使聘有十五個以下員工的企業，可以享有商會提供的會員特價優惠，尤其是在協助推廣他們的業務方面。加拿大商會也希望已加入的會員能夠介紹更多新血入會，而為了鼓勵會員積極參與招新會員活動，商會將設有獎勵。

序辭及封面故事，是第一次以中、英文雙語刊登。我們希望在今後，商會數本刊物能加插中、英對照文章，以吸引那些與加拿大有商業來往，但英文並非母語的香港商人，加入加拿大商會。

九月份，港督彭定康在加拿大商會主持的午餐會致辭。港督的坦率，以及其一貫伶俐的辭鋒，令出席者留下了深刻印象。

加拿大駐港專員赫根巴登與夫人假其居所設晚宴熱情招待我們。本人謹代董事會會長、以及董事會與理事會會員，向赫根巴登伉儷表達我們衷心的謝意。

ELIZA C H CHAN