



PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2007 - 2008

It has been my great pleasure and honour to serve my second term as the President of the FCCP. Thanks to the support and participation of our Directors and members, the FCCP has enjoyed another year of success.

The FCCP Non-Profit Housing Corporation (Coral Place) has been providing affordable housing to the community for 15 years. It is a visible testament of the FCCP's commitment to serve our community. Special thanks to Kai-Wah Tang (Engineering Section) for his dedication, in collaboration with the Board and the Property Management, in ensuring the quality living environment for the tenants of the Coral Place. Let's join their 15th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, August the 9th this year at the Coral Place.

The FCCP Education Foundation is another remarkable accomplishment of the FCCP. It has been providing scholarship, awards and interest-free loans to Ontario students since 1981. Thanks to Dr. John Chiu (Medical Section) and his team of Trustees for their on-going effort in assisting ambitious students in attaining higher education.

The FCCP together with Biomedical Section (CCABP) and the Pharmacy Section (CCPA), held a Joint Symposium on the theme of "*Individualized Medicine*" on October 20, 2007 at the North York General Hospital. It was well attended by our members. The 2007 FCCP Education Foundation Award of Merit was presented to Professor Jing Ming Chen of the University of Toronto and it has drawn the attention of the media. A special TV interview with our award recipient was taken right at the venue.

As always, the Joint Sections Christmas Party was the favourite annual event for the whole family. Santa and gifts were particularly welcomed by the children at the party. Thanks to Edward Wong (IT Section) and representatives of the participating Sections for putting together this "sold-out" event again.

Inspired by the success of the Annual Ball last year, Noel Siao (IT Section) and Elliot Tse (Physiotherapy Section) had further improved the quality and value of the Annual Ball 2008 with upgraded menu and entertainments. Our guests were impressed by the procession led by the piper from the York Regional Police which was projected live onto the two super-sized screens. Among our guests were representatives from all three levels of Governments including Member of the Parliament (M.P.), Ontario Minister and Mayor, Members of the Provincial Parliament (M.P.P.), local Councillors, as well as many community leaders and representatives from our supporting organizations. The Olympic theme of the Annual Ball this year was well-fitted by our Guest of Honour, Patrick Chan, the youngest Men's Figure-skating Champion in Canada. Patrick's autograph helped to raise fund for FCCP towards various charities and projects of worthy cause. A sum of \$1000 from the Ball proceeds has been donated to the Canadian Red Cross for the recent Myanmar Cyclone and Sichuan Earthquake.

With regards to the aforementioned disasters, the FCCP was invited by the Canadian Red Cross and the Chinese Cultural Centre (CCC) of Greater Toronto to ally with other Chinese community organizations to hold a series of fundraising events. On behalf of the FCCP, I have appeared in many public appeals for donation, both on stage and on air via radio. I was also personally invited by the Honourable Raymond Chan, Member of Parliament for Richmond, B.C. to join the nationwide Sichuan Earthquake Reconstruction Committee for a year-long fundraising project for medical assistance in Sichuan.

The FCCP Dragon Boat Team, The Dragon Warriors, continued their momentum and excelled in Toronto International Dragon Boat Festivals 2008. Both the two sub-divided FCCP teams, the FCCP Dragons and the FCCP Warriors, advanced themselves in their respective competitive divisions and more importantly, broke their own records. The FCCP Dragons, had won the championship in the Non-profit Division, while the FCCP Warriors also won the gold medal in their Premier Mixed Division. I am proud to be a member of the FCCP Dragon Boat Team. Congratulation to the co-captains, Helen Lee (Physiotherapy Section) and Dr. Hank Lee (Medical Section), and all members of the FCCP Dragon Warriors!

Apart from the above annual events, various activities were organized by individual FCCP Director, Professional Sections and the Student Chapters. To name a few, there were:

- Summer BBQ picnic by Ellen Mak-Tam (Biomedical Section)
- Curling (FCCP Dragon Boat Team)
- Driving Range Golf Day (Student Chapter)
- Salsa Night (Student Chapter)

All these activities were well attended by our FCCP members and friends.

In September 2008, our Medical Section, the Chinese Canadian Medical Society (CCMS) will be hosting the FCMS Conference, the biennial international medical conference of the Federation of Chinese Medical Societies (FCMS). The FCCP is going to joint with the FCMS to hold a full day Conference on Sunday, September 28, 2008.

After over a year of consultation, the FCCP Board has officially approved the establishment of a Young Professionals Committee. With the objectives of facilitating the transition of student members to full members and integrating the young professional members into the FCCP, the Young Professionals Committee will cater to the interest and needs of the young professional members while its events will be open to all FCCP members. It helps to attract and retain new members from the younger generation.

Within my tenure as the FCCP President, I have been actively participating in many community events and liaise with various government bodies, community organizations and media. Friendly and supportive relationship has been established with all these parties. It has helped to raise the profile of FCCP and make FCCP more visible by the Government and the media. It could be reflected by the invitations of FCCP from all three levels of Government and many community partners to join the planning of their community projects and to participate in their events.

It has been my privilege and honour to serve as the President of the FCCP for the past two years. With the encouragement and support from our dedicated Directors and members, I have overcome many challenges and obstacles. It is my deepest insight that when we are “*in syn*” (synchronized), we succeed. This has been evident in our dragon boat race. Through the participation in the FCCP, I have acquired the invaluable experience that would catalyze myself for further professional and personal growth while the remarkable memories have certainly enriched my life. I sincerely hope that the FCCP would continue to flourish and succeed in the years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

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