

# 溫城中華文化中心

*Winnipeg Chinese Cultural and Community Centre*



*Annual Report*  
*1996 - 1997*

# **WINNIPEG CHINESE CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE**

## **ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR**

**1996 - 1997**

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## **THE WINNIPEG CHINESE CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE**

### **PROFILE**

Winnipeg is a city of many cultures of which the Chinese community has always been an integral and significant part. Over the last few decades, as the number of Chinese immigrants increased, so has the need for redeveloping Winnipeg's Chinatown.

In 1981, the redevelopment became a reality with the support of the three levels of government through the Winnipeg Core Area Initiative and the Chinese community itself. The Winnipeg Chinatown Corporation was established in 1981, and in 1983 the Winnipeg Chinese Cultural and Community Centre was incorporated as part the overall development project in response to a survey conducted in 1982 wherein 90% of the Chinese in Winnipeg indicated a need for such a facility.

### **OBJECTIVES**

- \* To promote and advance the awareness, knowledge and appreciation of the Chinese culture in relation to the multi-cultural mosaic of Winnipeg, Manitoba and Canada.
- \* To increase understanding between the various Chinese and non - Chinese organizations in Manitoba.
- \* To encourage public understanding of matters relating to the affairs of the Chinese community.
- \* To provide facilities for educational, cultural and recreational purposes

# **WINNIPEG CHINESE CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**1996 - 1997**

**Dr. Joseph Du  
Mr. Philip Lee  
Mr. Patrick S. K. Wong  
Mr. Terry Wan  
Ms. Shirley Mar  
Mr. Philip Chang**

**Mr. Bruce Beatson  
Ms. Alice Fan  
Mr. William Norrie  
Ms. Kim Tran  
Mr. Herb Stephen  
Mr. Joseph Yuen  
Ms. Mary Wedgewood**

**President  
Vice President  
Vice President  
Treasurer  
English Secretary  
Chinese Secretary**

**Mr. Philip Chang  
Mr. John Lee  
Mr. James Teoh  
Mr. Justice Scott Wright  
Mr. David Chin  
Mr. Joseph Lo  
Dr. Calvin Chan**

### **ADVISORY BOARD**

**Mr. Charles Chan  
Ms. Olga Fuga  
Dr. Charles Lam  
Mr. Harold Ma  
Mr. Terry Prychitko  
Mr. Lorenz Tang  
Prof. Chiu-Ming Wong  
Ms. Elizabeth Willcock  
(Senior Citizenship Judge)**

**Mr. Tony Chan  
Mr. Willard Karle  
Mr. Hung Yuen Lee  
Dr. Pey Pagtakhan  
Mr. Franklin Shum  
Dr. R. Thorlakson  
Prof. Derek Hum**

### **HONORARY SOLICITOR**

**Mr. David Cheop**

# **WINNIPEG CHINESE CULTURAL & COMMUNITY CENTRE**

## **1996 - 1997 COMMITTEES**

### **Executive Policy and Management**

Dr. Joseph Du  
Philip Lee  
Patrick Wong  
Terry Wan  
Shirley Mar  
Philip Chang

President  
1st Vice President  
Vice President  
Treasurer  
English Secretary  
Chinese Secretary

### **Finance Committee**

Terry Wan

### **Fundraising & Bingo Committee**

Patrick S.K. Wong  
Philip Lee

### **Membership Committee**

David Chin  
James Teoh

### **Nomination Committee**

Patrick S.K. Wong  
Shirley Mar  
Hung Yuen Lee  
David Cheop  
Hon. Justice Scott Wright

Chairperson

### **Program Committee**

John Lee (Chairperson)  
James Teoh  
Alice Fan  
Lan Doan  
Grace Wong  
Tiffany Chan  
Terry Wan

Quincy Wong  
Mary Wedgewood  
Calvin Chan  
Wilson Ho  
Shirley Hung  
Joseph Yuen  
Helen Wang

## Acknowledgement

Our special acknowledgement to:

Canadian Heritage  
Citizenship and Immigration Canada  
Human Resources Development Canada  
Multiculturalism and Citizenship Canada  
Manitoba Cultural, Heritage and Citizenship  
Manitoba Education & Training  
Manitoba Lotteries Corporation  
Multicultural Grant Advisory Council  
City of Winnipeg  
The Winnipeg Foundation  
Imperial Parking

and many others for their support which enables us to make our services and programs available.

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## Staff List

### General Office/ Brighter Future 96-97 project

Lan Doan  
Grace Wong  
Tiffany Chan  
Anita Suen  
Shirley Hung

### Urban Green Team Program

Quincy Wong

### Summer Career Placement Program

Hong Wang

### Community Based Language Training Program

Lan Doan	Jennifer Tan
Theresa Dong	Youqing Cai
Xing Wang	Rick Wan
Janet Anderson	Joanna Lo
Hilda Wyenberg	Bill Cheng
Anita Suen	

The above list includes staff employed during April 1, 1996 to March 31, 1997 both full and part time. Some were employed on specific projects but have now ended or have terminated for other reasons.

## **President's Report**

**Dr. Joseph Du**

**I am pleased to report that this past year has been a very successful one for the Cultural Centre. In addition to our ongoing programs, we have hosted a number of major events, including visits from the third highest official of the People's Republic of China and the Mayor of Chengdu, Winnipeg's sister city in China. We were also very fortunate to have been presented by Canada Post at this year's Chinese New Year's banquet with a framed copy of the stamp issued earlier this year commemorating the Year of the Ox in the Chinese calendar.**

**The Centre has also been put on a stronger financial footing as a result of two decisions over the last year. In the summer, the City's Board of Revision reduced the property tax assessment for the Cultural Centre Building by a significant amount. Earlier this month, the Manitoba Court of Appeal ruled that the Cultural Centre is exempt from paying school taxes under the assessment legislation governing Winnipeg. These two decisions have the effect of reducing the property taxes we must pay, which represent a significant portion of our operating costs. It is particularly gratifying because it treats our Cultural Centre in the same way as the other major cultural centres in Winnipeg.**

**1997 is an important year for the Chinese Canadian community. It represents the fiftieth anniversary of the repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act, which restricted emigration to Canada for many decades. On a happier note, this year also represents the tenth anniversary of the opening of the Cultural Centre. To commemorate these two milestones, we are planning a number of exciting projects. The most important of these is our plan to commission a sculpture by internationally known Winnipeg art Leo Mol. This sculpture, which will be displayed in the Leo Mol gardens at Assiniboine Park in Winnipeg, will depict the role of Chinese Canadians in building the Canadian Pacific Railroad in the late 1800's. The CPR played a pivotal role in creating Canada as a country and this sculpture will commemorate the contribution our community has made to this great country. A committee chaired by the Honourable Pearl McGonigal, former Lieutenant Governor of Canada and me has been established to coordinate this project. We are pleased to report that we have already received strong indications of support from the Federal Government, the City of Winnipeg and the Winnipeg Foundation for this project. We are continuing to seek support from a number of private sources and the Chinese community at large for this important project.**

**This is not the only project we are working on. In addition, for the first time in several years, the Cultural Centre will sponsor a Chinese pavilion for Folklorama. As part of this, we will host a visit from a young person's dance troop from Chengdu to visit Canada and perform during this festival.**

**Later in the year, the Cultural Centre will host our bi-annual Citizen of the Year Dinner. This fundraising dinner will be held on October 30 and will honour the Honourable James Downey, Deputy Premier of Manitoba and Mr. Hung Yuen Lee.**

**1996 has been a good year and 1997 should be even better. The success the Cultural Centre has enjoyed is solely the result of the efforts of the volunteers, staff and directors of the Centre. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of these individuals for their work on behalf of the community.**

## **Executive Director's Report**

**Lan Doan**

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The Winnipeg Chinese Cultural and Community Centre(WCCCC) has its mandate to promote and advance the awareness, knowledge and appreciation of the Chinese culture in relation to the multi-cultural mosaic of Canada; and to provide to public the facilities for educational, cultural and recreational purposes. In the past year, we have been coordinating many activities and providing different services to ensure that our exercises is in accordance with mandate.

During the year, a series of Health Educational workshops was provided to the community. Responses to these workshops have been positive. The information workshop on Promoting Immigration to Manitoba - a project of Recruiting Sewing Machine Operators was conducted at the Centre, was well attended. We also provided interest classes to the public such as Mandarin, Cantonese, Chinese folk dance, cooking, martial arts, calligraphy classes. Many recreation activities were hosted by the Centre. These activities were joined by many participants of all ages.

We have also hosted many special events as follows: The Children Carnival; Canada Day Celebration; Opening Ceremony of the Asia Pacific Studies Summer Institute; The Centre's 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary; Dragon Boat Festival, Dragon's Fire Social; the Multicultural Evening; and so on.

The Centre has been one of the city's cultural attractions; many tours have been provided to the students of local public schools, as well as foreign visitors such as the China delegations; the People's Republic of China; the Chinese Ambassador; also of the People's Republic of China; and the Representative of the Taipei Economic & Cultural Office in Canada.

The Chinese Youth Goodwill Mission from Taiwan, their performance has been very successful. The reward of organising this event was that we have built a strong working relationship among the local Chinese communities

The Community Based Language Training (CBLT) Program was again offered for seniors and women with young children. This is an English as Second Language Training program with transportation provided and child-minding on site. Due to funding limitation, the services in conjunction with program have been reduced; The enrolment, however, still has increased gradually.

Many drop-in services have been provided to the newcomers. In this regard, we referred them to the community resources, and conduct orientation sessions in topics on housing, education, family issues, etc.. Annual Income Tax Return Services have been offered for the low income families. We also provide notary public, interpretation and translation services for clients as required.



Chinese Pavilion: After several years of absence from Folklorama events, we rallied the Chinese community to join with Folklorama in August 1997. The organizing committee has been represented by almost every sector of the community. To date, many days and hours of input have been provided by the volunteers in the coordination of the pavilion. We wish to acknowledge the input of time and money provided by our volunteers. The cooperation and assistance we received have been tremendous.

Special thanks to Community Legal Education Association for giving our staff the opportunity to attend The Community Legal Intermediary Training Course. To the community agency partners and their staff who have been working with us, and have helped and supported the efforts and activities of our community programs, we wish to express our gratefulness.

We are also grateful to the leadership and vision of the Board of Directors under Dr. Joseph Du. Our staff have shown resilience and openness in the face of continuous challenges. At this time, we would like to thank our generous funders, who continuously provide support to the WCCCC, that have allowed us to achieve our objectives.

## **COMMUNITY BASED LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAM**

### **LINC - CBLT Manitoba**

LINC (Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada) is a Federal program that provides funds to organizations to deliver English as a Second Language training to newcomers. The LINC-CBLT (Community Based Language Training) program in Manitoba is federally and provincially coordinated, and is run in partnership with the Winnipeg Chinese Cultural and Community Centre. Its purpose is to serve the language-learning needs of immigrants who can not use more conversational/institutionally-based language training programs.

The program that we have run this year was composed of three classes, with transportation provided and child-minding on-site. The classes have been offered three afternoons a week from October 8, 1996 to the end of March, 1997. This year we have 42 learners and 6 children under the care of our program.

It is the fourth year the Centre delivers this program. We look forward to being able to offer another program in the fall.

# **CHRONOLOGY OF ACTIVITIES 1996 - 1997**

## **Health Care Workshop: Heart & Stroke, April 1996**

The health care workshop: Heart & Stroke was co-sponsored by the Heart & Stroke Foundation Manitoba and the Winnipeg Chinese Cultural and Community Centre (WCCCC). It was held in April 26th afternoon. There were over 40 participants. The speaker discussed about the signs of a heart attack, action to take, and how to live a healthy lifestyle & reduce your chance of a heart attack, etc.

## **Immigration Information Workshop, April 1996**

Immigration Information workshop was held on Saturday, April 17th. It was co-sponsored by the WCCCC and Manitoba Culture, Heritage & Citizenship - Citizenship Division. We invited the WCCCC members, Chinese organizations to attend this meeting as we would like to join with them to meet the common goal of increasing immigration to Manitoba. The Citizenship division has promoted the project of the "Sewing Machine Operator", and the participants were actively asked for questions. The reception was being served after the meeting.

## **The Community Based Language Training (CBLT) Students Recognition Ceremony, May 1996**

The CBLT Students Recognition Ceremony was held in May 31st afternoon. It was an exciting event for all involved. The program started at 2:00 pm, the guests from the Manitoba Culture, Heritage & Citizenship; Citizenship & Immigration Canada, gave their speeches and greetings, and then followed by the distribution of recognition certificates. Each of the students got a chance to make a short speech in English. Their impressive presentations showed that they have studying very hard throughout the seven months with the guidance & patience of their teachers. It was also a time for everyone involved to socialize and congratulate each other for their efforts.

## **The Children's Carnival, June 1996**

The Children's Carnival was held on June 15th. The carnival ran from noon to 4:00pm, we served lunch from 12:00 - 2:00pm. In addition, we had magic show, origami, and balloon making. At the end of the program, we also had a lucky draw and refreshments. The attendance at the carnival was quite high with about 250 people attending throughout the entire hours of the event. As we served lunch, a rush of people came during the lunch hour.

## **Women's Health Information Session, June 1996**

Women's Health Information Session was held on June 29th. It was co-sponsored by the WCCCC and the Planned Parenthood Manitoba and Canadian Cancer Society. The topics were: special check-ups and physical examination for women and their importance; breast health information & breast self-examination; patient's rights and responsibilities, etc. There were over 10 women attended and they all found that it was a very informative workshops.

### **Canada Day Celebration, July 1996**

Canada Day Celebration was held in July 1st afternoon, at the gymnasium of the Centre. The event was a great success. There were almost 400 participants during that afternoon. The program for that day began with the singing of O'Canada and followed by the opening remarks by Dr. Du, greetings by Mr. David Walker, Dorothy Choy and Mr. Philip Lee. After that, the entertainment program began with the lion dance and kung fu demonstration by Bai Pau Lo Martial Arts Association, Chinese violin solo by C. T. Leung with the accompanist Marie Loh, the singing performance by Shiu Leng and Iris Wang, Chinese folk dance by WCCCC Chinese folk dance group, harmonica solo by Calvin Chan and the Chinese opera by Long Choy, Pamela Wong, Natalia Yee & Tak Chu Wong. In the middle of the program, there were a presentation of award: "Canada Day Youth Award" to Miss Sharon Yeung. It was then followed by lucky draw and cut the Birthday cake. The refreshments were being served after.

### **The Opening Ceremony of the Asia Pacific Studies Summer Institute, July 1996**

The Opening Ceremony was held in July 1st evening, at the gymnasium of the centre. The program started with the reception, we served dim sum and Chinese tea. After the reception, it were speeches by the guest speakers and it was then followed by the entertainment. They were lion dance, Chinese folk dance and Chinese Violin solo. There were over 40 participants attended this ceremony, they were the representatives from the department of Education, U of M, guests and high school teachers.

### **Dragon Boat Festival, August, 1996**

The WCCCC's Dragon Boat team for 1996 was an exciting and enriching experience. Our team was managed by Mr. Patrick Wong and the captain of the team was Quincy Wong. On the day of the race, the first race left them disappointed, the team finally came together and paddled the best they had ever done together. The team was ecstatic as they finished the race. Eventually, our team won the Hong Kong Cup as the appreciation of the community involvement, it was sponsored by the Hong Kong Economics and Trade Office.

### **Dragon's Fire Social, August 1996**

The 9th Anniversary celebration of the Centre was celebrated as a Social held on August 10th. We also wished to thank and congratulate the Dragon Boat Race participants, therefore we chose the name, "Dragon's Fire Social". This event was also to thank the summer'96 volunteers with helping us with our Children's Carnival and Canada Day Celebration. Guests began arriving shortly after 8:00pm. Those who attended the social has a great time mingling with friends and enjoying the upbeat music. Guests enjoyed the musical entertainment, dancing and refreshments. The celebration ended shortly after 12:30 pm, and the lucky draw. The Dragon's Fire Social was successful and enjoyable by many people.

### **Multicultural Evening, September 1996**

The Multicultural Evening in honour of Mr. Wang RongXuan, Mayor of Chengdu, China and the delegation from our sister city to be held on September 04, 96, at the centre. The reception started from 7:30pm, there was Jazz selections throughout the evening. The program first started with the opening remarks from the honourable guests: Dr. Du, Susan Thompson and Mayor of Chengdu, Mr. Wang RongXuan. Then the entertainment started with the Orlan Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, the chorus from the Manitoba Chinese Music Association, and the female ensemble from

the Manitoba Academy of Chinese Studies Choir. It was then followed by the Chinese folk dance, male ensemble and the SummerBear Dance Troupe. After the entertainment, there was a presentation to Mr. Wang RongXuan, Mayor of Chengdu, and the presentation of exchanging souvenirs. For the Multicultural Evening, there were almost 200 participants attended, they all enjoyed the multicultural entertainment which were organized from us.

### **Chinese Youth Goodwill Mission from Taiwan, R.O.C., October 1996**

This was a program sponsored by the Taipei Economics and Cultural Office, Canada, and the eight Chinese Organizations. The 1996 Mission, made up of amateurs who were promising youth from Taiwan's colleges and universities, was making its 20th annual international tour. The well designed program included dancing, Kung Fu and folk arts.

The performance held at the Tec. Voc. Theatre. At around 6:30pm, there were lots of people lining-up for enter the theatre, and there were over 700 audiences come over to see the show. The program started at 7:30pm, it started with the opening remarks, greetings from special guests, and the speeches by the mission leader and also the presentation of souvenirs. The prelude of the performance was the amateurs with the facial make-up in the Chinese opera, it depicted the essential character structure of the plot. The second program was China's Tang dynasty dances and music. The third program entitled: "My Chinese Homeland and Its Legacy". Finally, through their contemporary jazz dance, the Goodwill Mission brought to audiences the passion and hope from Taiwan for a world united in mutual acceptance, brotherhood and happy spirits.

### **"Accident" Video Showing in Cantonese, November 1996**

To promote the health of the Chinese Community, the WCCCC in partnership with the Planned Parenthood Manitoba and the Chinese Advisory Group organized a showing of the video "ACCIDENT" (Aids awareness video in Cantonese). In "ACCIDENT", the story reflected real life situations that can happen to you and your family. This video was in Cantonese with English subtitles. The showing was held at the Centre's recreation room, and it started the show from 1:30pm to 3:00pm. There were almost 10 participants attended and they had discussion after the showing.

### **CBLT Christmas Party, December 1996**

The CBLT Christmas Party held on December 20, 96, at the centre's gymnasium. The party started at 2:30pm with the guest speakers and the presentation of each class. The guests were very impressed with the students presentation. The party was then followed by the reception.

### **Legal Information Workshop: "Family Violence", January 1997**

Legal Information workshop: "Family Violence" was co-sponsored by the WCCCC and the Community Legal Education of Manitoba. It held in January 15th evening, at the Centre. There were very well participation, and we had the legal advisor (lawyer) for answering people's questions and giving out detailed legal information and procedure in the court. The participants found that the workshop was very helpful for them and learned the most important legal information and where they could seek help.

### **<Welcome to Winnipeg> Orientation Session, January 1997**

The WCCCC in partnership with the Citizenship Division, Culture, Heritage and Citizenship Manitoba hosted a <Welcome to Winnipeg> Orientation Session. The families (newcomers) and sponsors were invited to attend this information session. The session held on Saturday, January 18,

97, at the Centre. The program started with the introduction and it was then followed by the general introduction of ESL language training, general services for immigrants, cultural adaptation & tips for adjustment, the Canadian Justice System and lawyer referral services. And Ms. Binh Hui was invited to give out a presentation of the School System for Children. There was Questions & Answers period for the participants asking questions.

### **The Chinese Literature & Poetry workshop, January 1997**

The workshop held on January 25, 97. It was a discussion seminar for the people who were interested in Chinese Literature & Poetry, and there were over 15 participants attended.

### **The 15th Chung Hwa Cup Basketball Tournament, March 1997**

The 15th Chung Hwa Cup Basketball Tournament was co-sponsored by the Manitoba Academy of Chinese Studies and the WCCCC. There are 8 teams participated in the tournament this year. The format of the games is round robin. In additions, there will be 4 games of quarter final, semi-final and final will be 2 games each. The games has started from March 08 to April 06, 97 (5 weekends).

### **Income Tax Return Services, March - April 1997**

The income tax return services will be provided for the family, whose annual income lower than \$20,000. The services is being offered from March 24 to the end of April.

## **INTEREST CLASS INSTRUCTORS 1996 - 1997**

### **Language**

*Ms. Linda Zhao*

*Ms. Tong Liu*

*Ms. Christle Yeung*

### **Tai Chi**

*Mr. C.Y. Chan*

*Mr. David Chow*

### **Chinese Calligraphy**

*Mr. Yan-Kit Li*

### **Chinese Painting**

*Mr. Yan-Kit Li*

### **Martial Arts**

*Mr. Kelly*

*Mr. Richard Benoit*

### **Chinese Cooking**

*Mrs. Anita Lee*

### **Photography**

*Mr. Pei-De Wu*



**The Chinese Youth Goodwill Mission from Taiwan**



**Mr. John Drajewicz, Vice President, Canada Post Corporation  
presented the framed zoom picture of the Year of the Ox stamp  
to Dr. Joseph Du, in the Chinese New Year Banquet**

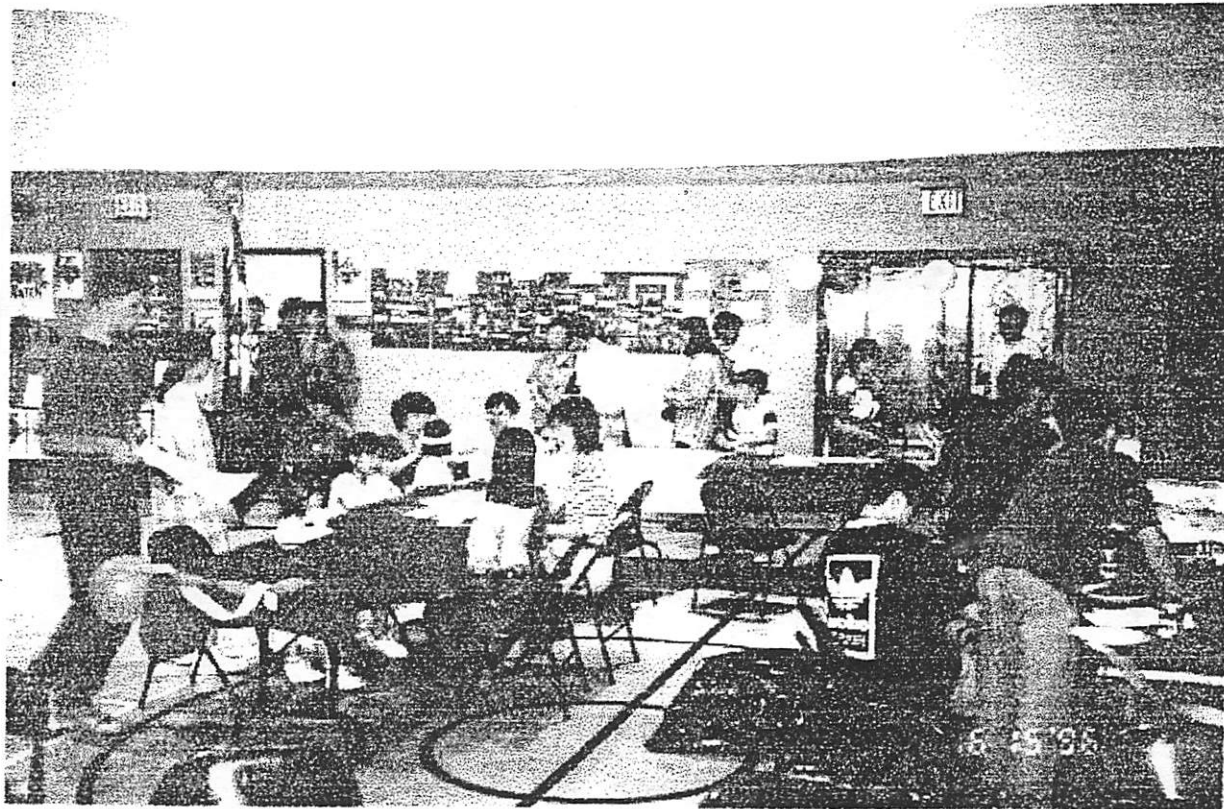




**Multicultural Evening**



**The CBLT Students Recognition Ceremony**



**Children's Carnival**



**Canada Day Celebration**



# **1997 Folklorama - Chinese Pavilion**

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The Winnipeg Chinese Community has been a key participant since the establishment of Folklorama in 1969. After a few years of absence from Folklorama, the Winnipeg Chinese Cultural and Community Centre rallied the community to re-enter Folklorama in August 1997.

The Chinese Pavilion Organising Committee was formed on December 15, 1996. With a tremendous support from the community, the Committee has been increasing members gradually.

Further to support from the local community, we have been inviting a group of performers from Chengdu, China to perform Chinese folk arts dance and music during the Folklorama week (August 3 to 9, 1997). We also plan to borrow some cultural artifacts from China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and many local Chinese arts, calligraphy for exhibitions.

The success of this project will rely on a significant contribution from the community; Therefore, our invitation is extended to all those who interested in serving the community and wish to take part in the forthcoming Folklorama - Chinese Pavilion.

## **2. PAVILION THEME**

The "Theme Contest" for 1997 Folklorama - Chinese Pavilion was closed on January 21, and many valuable themes have been received, with thanks. Selection judges have carefully discussed all themes received, and unanimously picked "Path of the Dragon - 龍蹤" as the winner. Although an alternate theme has been recommended for the consideration of the Chinese Pavilion Committee.

Since the Provincial logo is bearing a bison, coincidentally it is the "Year of the Ox - 牛年" this year; and also the Federal Government has designated 1997 as Canada's Year of Asia Pacific. As a result, the selection judges took it into consideration of all these aspects; and after deliberate discussion, finally decided to recommend an alternate theme as "Encounter 1997 - Bison meets the Ox 雙牛會" be brought forward to the Chinese Pavilion Committee; as well as a logo with both "Bison" and "Ox" appearing side by side depicting an union of communities working together to encounter 1997 for broader cross cultural contribution.

The theme as recommended has met with the approval of the Chinese Pavilion Committee in a meeting held on February 2, 1997.

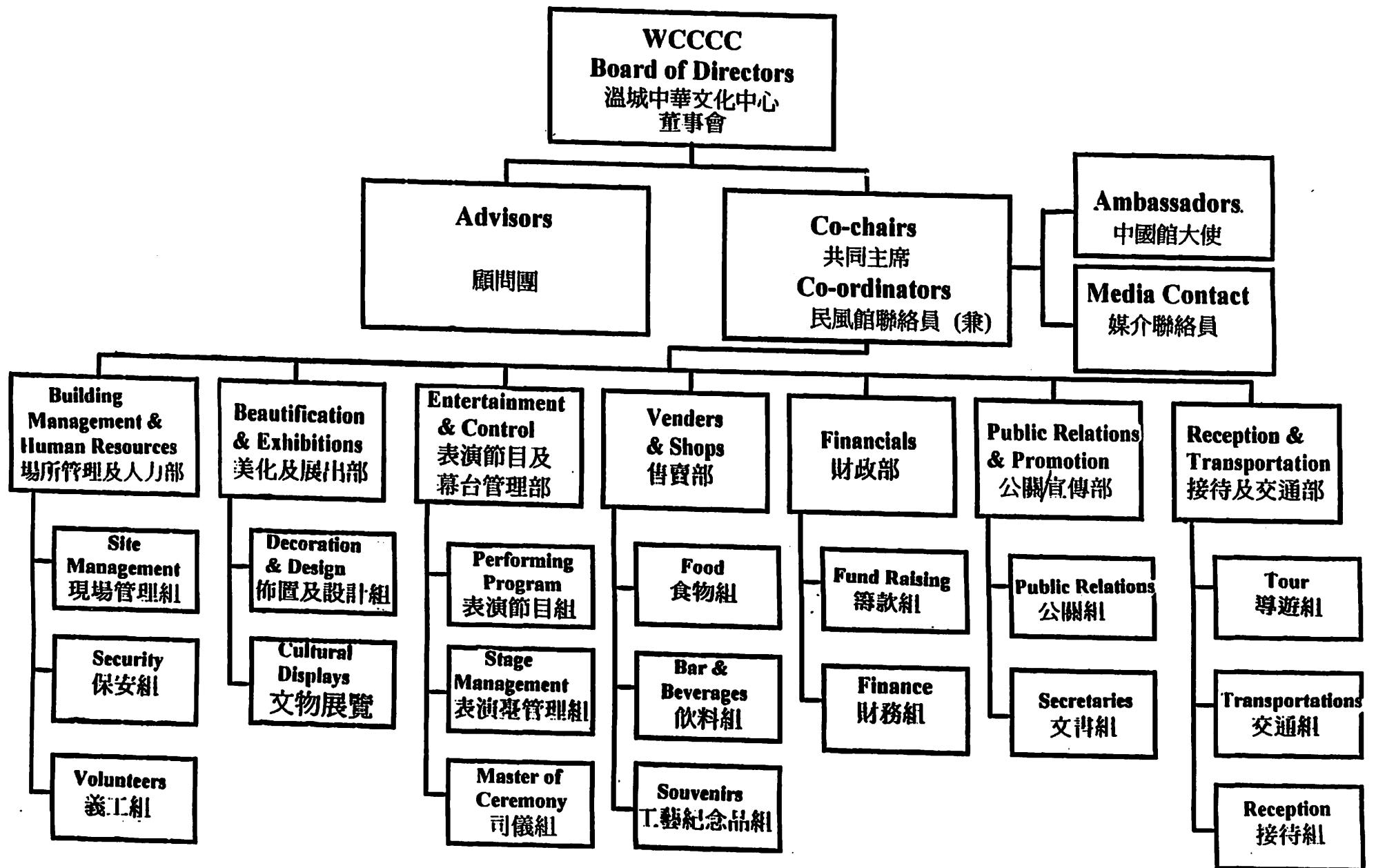
## **3. CHINESE PERFORMING GROUP FROM CHENGDU, CHINA**

The City of Chengdu in the Province of Si-Chuan, China has accepted the invitation of the Winnipeg Chinese Cultural and Community Centre to send a group of 28 performers to Winnipeg for performance in 1997 Folklorama - Chinese Pavilion.

It is timely and in line with the Canada's Year of Asia Pacific (CYAP) initiative that we are fortunate to have the Chengdu performing group with our Pavilion. This group was invited to perform in Phoenix, Arizona, USA in 1995 and was well received. It is most likely that their present at the Chinese Pavilion will be the major attraction of the Winnipeg Folklorama Festival, and their performance will be prominently featured by the news media. In turn, this will enhance the CYAP activities and help to promote the understanding among fellow Canadians.

# 1997 Folklorama Chinese Pavilion Organization Chart

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# **WINNIPEG CHINESE CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE CORPORATION**

## **Financial Statements**

**For the year ended March 31, 1996**

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## Auditors' Report

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To the Board of Directors  
**WINNIPEG CHINESE CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE CORPORATION**

We have audited the balance sheet of **WINNIPEG CHINESE CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE CORPORATION** as at March 31, 1996 and the statements of revenues, expenditures and surplus and changes in financial position for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the corporation's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many charitable organizations, the corporation derives revenue from fund-raising activities and donations the completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues and expenditures was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the corporation and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to fund-raising revenue, expenditures, donation revenue, net income, assets and surplus.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which we might have determined to be necessary had we been able to satisfy ourselves concerning the completeness of fund-raising and donation revenues referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the corporation as at March 31, 1996 and the results of its operations and changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

*BDO Dunwoody*

Chartered Accountants

Winnipeg, Manitoba  
August 29, 1996

**WINNIPEG CHINESE CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE CORPORATION**  
**Balance Sheet**

March 31	1996	1995
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 27,853	36,774
Term deposits	62,938	52,120
Grants and other receivables	6,324	2,527
Inventory	706	943
Prepaid expenses	<u>2,508</u>	<u>-</u>
	100,329	92,364
Capital assets (Note 2)	<u>564,061</u>	<u>586,138</u>
	<u>\$ 664,390</u>	<u>678,502</u>
<b>Liabilities and Deficit</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and unearned revenue	\$ 278,964	214,682
Obligation under capital lease	<u>2,671</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>281,635</u>	<u>214,682</u>
<b>Long-term Liabilities</b>		
Obligation under capital lease (Note 3)	8,538	-
Current portion (as shown above)	<u>(2,671)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>5,867</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Other Liabilities</b>		
Deferred grant	<u>494,251</u>	<u>520,261</u>
Total liabilities	781,753	734,943
Deficit	<u>(117,363)</u>	<u>(56,441)</u>
	<u>\$ 664,390</u>	<u>678,502</u>

Approved on behalf of the Board:

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 Director

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 Director

The accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**WINNIPEG CHINESE CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE CORPORATION**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Surplus**

For the year ended March 31	1996	1995
<b>Revenues</b>		
Amortization of deferred grants	\$ 26,010	27,380
Bingo - net (Schedule 2)	8,406	6,396
Breakopen - net (Schedule 3)	4,578	8,003
Community based language training (Schedule 4)	-	5,880
Donations	2,914	10,322
Educational classes	4,468	52
Fundraising	30,175	-
Grants (Schedule 1)	43,605	66,858
Interest Income	4,288	2,534
Memberships	1,792	3,334
Miscellaneous	6,523	6,748
Rentals	<u>14,962</u>	<u>12,536</u>
	<u>147,721</u>	<u>150,043</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Amortization	31,992	32,831
Bank charges and interest	1,347	610
Cleaning	8,060	6,958
Community based language training (Schedule 4)	4,867	-
Insurance	2,419	1,968
Lease expense - office equipment	1,391	1,977
Library expenses	40	543
Miscellaneous	3,723	3,159
Office expense	4,403	7,901
Professional fees	3,314	2,085
Public relations	2,331	2,000
Rent (Note 1)	61,946	73,791
Repairs and maintenance	4,419	879
Salaries and employee benefits	57,012	53,026
Special events	7,454	26,631
Supplies and materials	2,001	1,338
Telephone	1,423	1,556
Utilities	8,826	8,817
Volunteers	<u>1,675</u>	<u>255</u>
	<u>208,643</u>	<u>226,325</u>
Excess of expenditures	(60,922)	(76,282)
Surplus (deficit), beginning of year	<u>(56,441)</u>	<u>19,841</u>
Deficit, end of year	<u>\$(117,363)</u>	<u>(56,441)</u>

The accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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**WINNIPEG CHINESE CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE CORPORATION**  
**Statement of Changes in Financial Position**

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For the year ended March 31	1996	1995
<b>Cash provided by (used in):</b>		
Operating Activities		
Excess of expenditures	\$ (60,922)	(76,282)
Items not involving cash		
Amortization	31,992	32,831
Amortization of deferred grants	<u>(26,010)</u>	<u>(27,380)</u>
	(54,940)	(70,831)
Change in non-cash working capital balances		
Grants and other receivables	(3,797)	(1,662)
Inventory	237	35
Prepaid expenses	(2,508)	1,768
Accounts payable and unearned revenue	<u>64,282</u>	<u>73,170</u>
	<u>3,274</u>	<u>2,480</u>
Investing Activities		
Purchase of equipment	<u>(9,915)</u>	<u>(2,440)</u>
Financing Activities		
Obligation under capital lease	9,915	-
Payments made under capital lease	<u>(1,377)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>8,538</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in financial position	1,897	40
Cash, beginning of year	<u>88,894</u>	<u>88,854</u>
Cash, end of year	\$ 90,791	88,894
<b>Cash consists of:</b>		
Cash	\$ 27,853	36,774
Term deposits	<u>62,938</u>	<u>52,120</u>
	\$ 90,791	88,894

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## **WINNIPEG CHINESE CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE CORPORATION**

### **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

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**March 31, 1996**

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#### **Nature of the Organization**

The organization is a non-profit, non-partisan and non-sectarian entity incorporated under The Corporations Act of Manitoba. It is a registered charity within the meaning of the Income Tax Act and is therefore exempt from income taxes. The purpose of the corporation is to promote and advance knowledge and appreciation of Chinese culture in relation to the multicultural mosaic of Manitoba and Canada; to construct, hold, manage, provide and maintain a cultural centre; to increase understanding between Chinese organizations in Manitoba; to encourage public understanding of matters relating to the affairs of the Chinese community.

#### **Capital Assets**

Donated capital assets are recorded at fair market value. Purchased capital assets are stated at cost. The capital assets are amortized over their estimated useful life using the declining balance method at the following rates:

Building and building improvements .....	5%
Furniture, fixtures, equipment .....	10%
Equipment under capital lease .....	10%

#### **Deferred Grants**

The deferred grants were received during 1987 and 1990 for the construction of the Cultural Centre. These grants are being amortized into revenues on the same basis that the amortization of the building is charged to expenditures, that is on the declining balance method at a rate of 5% per annum.



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**WINNIPEG CHINESE CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE CORPORATION**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**

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**March 31, 1996**

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**1. Lease Agreements**

- (a) The City the Winnipeg has subleased to the corporation air rights over the land on which the Cultural Centre is located for a period of 98 years expiring on March 2, 2083. The rent under the sublease agreement is \$1 per year fully payable in advance.
- (b) The corporation has subleased to Metropolitan Equities International Inc. ("Metropolitan" - successor to Shelter Corp.) the air rights over the land on which the Cultural Centre is located for the period January 1, 1987 to March 1, 2083. The rent receivable from Metropolitan under the sublease is 8½% of the annual "Gross Revenue", payable monthly in advance.

Gross revenue is based on the annual rent revenue of the Dynasty Building as defined in the sublease agreement.

- (c) Metropolitan has subleased to the corporation the second floor of the Dynasty Building for the period January 1, 1987 to July 31, 2083. The rent payable to Metropolitan under the sublease is as follows:
  - (i) \$1 per year in advance; and
  - (ii) the corporation's proportionate share of the operating costs and taxes of the Dynasty Building (as defined in the sublease agreement); and
  - (iii) an administration fee of 15% of the above-mentioned operating costs.

Metropolitan received financing from Maritime Life Assurance Company and Montrose Mortgage Corporation Ltd. (the mortgagors) by way of a mortgage secured by the Dynasty Building. The mortgagors have since foreclosed on the property and have acquired Metropolitan's interest in the lease agreements.

For calendar year 1995 and the three month period ended March 31, 1996, the rent receivable from the mortgagors ((b) above) is \$27,348. The corporation's operating costs payable ((c) above) for the same fifteen month period is \$89,294. The net expense for the fiscal year is shown under expenditures as "rent" in the amount of \$61,946.

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**WINNIPEG CHINESE CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE CORPORATION**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**

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**March 31, 1996**

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**2. Capital Assets**

			1996	1995
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
Building and building improvements	\$ 832,593	307,956	524,637	552,249
Furniture, fixtures, equipment	71,511	41,011	30,500	33,889
Equipment under capital lease	<u>9,915</u>	<u>991</u>	<u>8,924</u>	<u>-</u>
	<b>\$914,019</b>	<b>349,958</b>	<b>564,061</b>	<b>586,138</b>

**3. Obligation Under Capital Lease**

The following is a schedule of future minimum year end lease payments under the capital lease expiring December 31, 2000, together with the balance of the obligation under the capital lease:

1997	\$ 2,671
1998	2,671
1999	2,671
2000	2,671
2001	<u>2,003</u>
Total minimum lease payments	12,687
Amount representing interest at 14.4%	<u>(4,149)</u>
	<b>\$ 8,538</b>

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**WINNIPEG CHINESE CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE CORPORATION**  
**Schedule 1 - Grant Revenues**

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<b>March 31</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1995</b>
<b>Government of Canada</b>		
Secretary of State - Multiculturalism Program	\$ 16,920	18,800
Human Resources Development Canada	-	1,800
<b>Province of Manitoba</b>		
Department of Culture, Heritage and Recreation		
Operations	21,090	35,000
Department of Industry, Trade and Tourism		
Canada - Manitoba tourism agreement	-	2,456
Department of Education		
W.G.T.A. - Green Team	3,600	1,802
<b>Manitoba Arts Council</b>		
Artventures B	-	5,000
<b>Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone</b>		
Coloured brochures	-	1,000
WCAISA conference	-	1,000
<b>Imperial Parking</b>		
Pocket calendars	<u>1,995</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total grant revenues</b>	<b>\$ 43,605</b>	<b>66,858</b>

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**WINNIPEG CHINESE CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE CORPORATION**  
**Schedule 2 - Bingo**

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<b>March 31</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1995</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		
<b>Sales</b>	<b><u>\$ 160,816</u></b>	<b><u>158,243</u></b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Wages and volunteer expenses	10,244	10,754
Prizes	129,528	129,360
Purchases - Bingo paper	4,508	4,571
Advertising	4,782	4,550
License fees	2,455	2,396
Bank charges and interest	27	216
Bingo over/short	<u>866</u>	<u>-</u>
	<b><u>152,410</u></b>	<b><u>151,847</u></b>
<b>Net surplus for the year</b>	<b>\$ 8,406</b>	<b>6,396</b>

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**WINNIPEG CHINESE CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE CORPORATION**  
**Schedule 3 - Breakopen**

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<b>March 31</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1995</b>
Revenue		
Sales	<u>\$ 19,888</u>	<u>33,036</u>
Expenditures		
Prizes	12,918	21,580
Purchases - breakopen tickets	2,367	3,103
Bank charges and interest	<u>25</u>	<u>350</u>
	<u>15,310</u>	<u>25,033</u>
Net surplus for the year	<u>\$ 4,578</u>	<u>8,003</u>

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**WINNIPEG CHINESE CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE CORPORATION**  
**Schedule 4 - Community Based Language Training**

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<b>March 31</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1995</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Citizenship and Immigration Canada	\$ 40,209	30,760
Miscellaneous	<u>-</u>	<u>9</u>
	<u>40,209</u>	<u>30,769</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Wages and benefits	37,163	14,913
Transportation	4,052	7,152
Supplies and materials	1,320	1,330
Rent	1,860	825
Office	657	598
Bank charges	<u>24</u>	<u>71</u>
	<u>45,076</u>	<u>24,889</u>
<b>Excess of revenues (expenditures)</b>	<b>\$ (4,867)</b>	<b>5,880</b>

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# **Winnipeg Chinese Cultural and Community Centre**

## **Tour Groups Summary 1996 -1997**

- \* Luxton School
  - \* Ecole Constable Edward Finney School
    - \* Nordale School
    - \* Kildonan East School
    - \* Carpathia School
    - \* Kelvin High School
  - \* Westgate Mennonite Collegiate
    - \* Mapleton School
    - \* James Nisbet School
    - \* Katimavik School
    - \* General Byng School
  - \* Whyte Ridge Elementary School
    - \* Greenway School
  - \* The Cross Cultural Odyssey: Summer Institute in Asia Pacific Studies (U of M)
  - \* Winnipeg Downtown BIZ: Downtown Watch
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## **WINNIPEG CHINESE CULTURAL & COMMUNITY CENTRE**

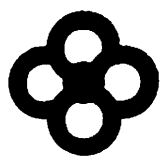
### **1996 - 1997 Membership**

**The Membership Committee recruited members in the fall of 1996 - 1997, through community newspapers, newsletters and personal letters to past members.**

**For the year ending March, there were altogether:**

**36 Family Members  
143 Regular Members  
126 Student Members  
102 Senior Members  
8 Organization Members**

**Throughout the year, the Committee was able to recruit membership by way of forming interest classes, sports activities and display booths at the universities and other organizations.**



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