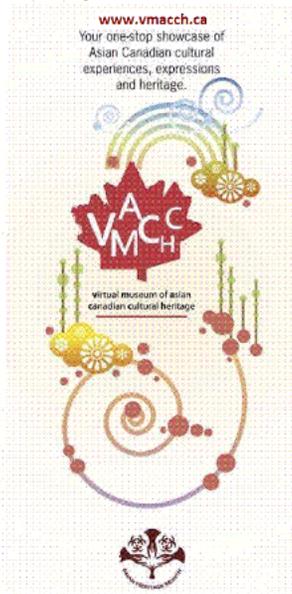


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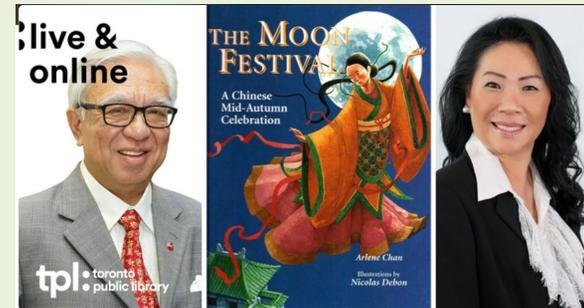


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LEO CHAN & COUNCILLOR SANDRA YEUNG RACCO: “MOON FESTIVAL | EMBRACE THE SOUND AND TASTE OF HOME” VIRTUAL TALK AT TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY



Welcome and Opening Remarks:

Mr. Justin Poy, Honourary Patron, Asian Heritage Month-CFACI

Mr. Gregory McCormick, Toronto Public Library

The full moon is a symbol of reunion. The Mid-Autumn Moon Festival is also called the Reunion Festival. Fall, according to the lunar calendar, is usually clear and cool, and often clouds are seldomly wandering in the sky. The moon is particularly bright at night. Falling around the period where farmers harvest their crops in much of the world, it has traditionally been seen as a time to give thanks after a long summer of hard work in the field

The moon is central to much of this belief, and countless poets, writers, musicians and artists have been inspired to write songs, stories and operas celebrating this happy festival. Moon cakes and other traditional foods symbolize the roundness of the moon, the completeness and togetherness of the family. Bright, round lanterns are hung from the ceiling and balconies.

Chef and Professor Leo Chan and Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco will share the stories, joy and traditions of the Moon Festival and discuss how communities come together to embrace the sounds and tastes of home through this celebration.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 21 | 7 PM EDT BY ZOOM

FREE ADMISSION: Please register at

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/leo-chan-sandra-racco-moon-festival-embrace-the-sound-taste-of-home-tickets-168358002317>

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About the Talk

Professor Chef Leo Chan will be in conversation with Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco. The talk is organized by The Asian Heritage Month Festival and the Toronto Public Library.

Holidays and festivals are great events in the lives of people from every culture, beginning right from their childhood. Elements common to most traditional Chinese festivals are the desire for happiness and well-being, the protection of loved ones from misfortunes, the experience of oneness between humans and heaven, and most importantly, family reunion, the opportunity for rest and merriment.

According to the lunar calendar, in the fall, it is usually clear and cool, and there are seldom wandering clouds in the sky. The moon is particularly bright at night. The full moon is a symbol of reunion. The Mid-Autumn Moon Festival is also called the Reunion Festival. It is closest to the North American Thanksgiving Day, and the concept of harvest after a long summer of hard work in the field.

There have been a lot of fascinations about the moon. Countless poets, writers, musicians and artists have inspired numerous songs, stories and operas to celebrate this happy festival. The moon cakes and other traditional food as round as the full moon, symbolize the completeness and togetherness of the family. Bright and round lanterns are hung from ceiling and balconies.

Leo and Sandra will share the stories, joy and traditions of the Moon Festival with the zoom audience. The talk embraces the sound and taste of home through this celebration.

Professor Chef Leo Chan

Born in Macau and raised in Hong Kong, Leo Chan came to Canada in 1966. Professor Chef Chan was educated at York, Ryerson and Cornell Universities. He taught at George Brown and Humber Colleges, and held senior management positions in hotel and restaurant chains in Canada and the U.S. He is a member of the 8 Precious Pearls Research Group of Chinese food history in Toronto, Co-Founder of the Cambridge Food and Wine Society of Canada, and currently the Chairman of the Chan Family Association of Ontario.

Ward 4 Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco was first elected in 2003 and is currently the longest serving Asian female politician in the City of Vaughan and York Region. Now into her fifth term on Vaughan Council, she continues to be a driving force in bringing vital services to her constituents. Born in Hong Kong and raised in Ontario, Sandra obtained her A.R.C.T. at the Royal Conservatory of Music and graduated from the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Music Education degree. Following graduation, the Councillor ventured into the world of international business relations, complimented with extensive volunteer work with local non-profit and diverse community organizations.

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