

## **2008 S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Dragon Idol**

**Vancouver** – Today (May 2), Mr. Ricky Wu and Mr. Sing Lim Yeo, Co-Chairs of the 2008 S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Walk With The Dragon, officially announced that by popular demand, the S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Dragon Idol competition returns for the second year.

Introduced in 2007 as a prelude for the annual S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Walk With The Dragon, the competition is meant to recognize the performing arts talents in the community AND to increase the community's awareness and commitment to Walk With The Dragon and S.U.C.C.E.S.S. services and programs for those in need in the communities, particularly seniors, women, youths and families.

“This year the competition is divided into two categories – Dance and Vocals. TWO semi-finalists in each category will be chosen as the finalists of the competition. ONE champion in each category will be awarded the distinction of 2008 S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Dragon Idol,” Ms. Clara Chow, Co-Chair of the 2008 S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Dragon Idol told the media.

The Dragon Idol Semi-final will be held on Sunday, June 15 at Aberdeen Centre, Richmond. The Final Competition will be held on Sunday, July 20 at Lumbermen's Arch, Stanley Park during Walk With The Dragon. To enter, individuals or groups simply collect \$100 in pledges for Walk With The Dragon and submit the pledges along with an entry form by May 29 to S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Foundation.

“The 2008 S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Dragon could not be possible without the support and encouragement from our sponsors and planning committee members,” said Mr. Hans Wong, Co-Chair of the 2008 S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Dragon Idol.

In his remarks, Mr. Samuel Cheung of Sutton Group, Seafair Realty, encouraged community participation in Dragon Idol and urged everyone to join in to give support to the S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Foundation.

Dixon Wong, 2007 S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Dragon Idol Champion, shared the excitement he felt when he won the title at last year's Walk With The Dragon.

James Mok, Co-Chair of Pledge Collection – Group Development Sub-committee, presented the Pledge Collection Recognition Program. Through the program, participants (teams or individuals) can make early pledge commitments starting from \$500 to \$3,000 or above. A ranking will be awarded based on level of commitment.

Dragon Idol Sponsor: Sutton Group – Seafair Realty, Mr. Samuel Cheung  
Award Sponsors: Flamingo Gifts and Recognition Ltd.; Horseshoe Press Inc.; JJS Food;  
Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Kwan; and Wu's Taekwondo School (Canada)  
Venue Sponsor: Aberdeen Centre  
Special Thanks: Borealis Academy

About Walk With The Dragon

The annual S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Walk With The Dragon is one of the largest community-based fundraising events held in Vancouver's scenic Stanley Park. Each year, over 13,000 strong, including financial institutions, community groups, corporate teams, universities' groups', and individuals, participate in the event . Their collaborative efforts raised close to \$300,000 in pledges in 2007. Proceeds from Walk 2008 will go to maintaining and enhancing S.U.C.C.E.S.S. services and programs for those in need in the communities, particularly seniors, women, youths, and families.

About S.U.C.C.E.S.S.

S.U.C.C.E.S.S. is one of the largest social service providers in BC. It offers a diverse range of programs and services, including new Canadian's reception, settlement and public education, language and employment training, business and economic development. Language and employment training, business and economic development, services for families, seniors, women and youth, as well as community development and advocacy through 12 service centres in Metro Vancouver. For more details about S.U.C.C.E.S.S., please visit: [www.success.bc.ca](http://www.success.bc.ca)

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