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S.U.C.C.E.S.S. 2007 Fundraising Gala

Fourteen top talents from Hong Kong performed to an enthusiastic crowd of over 11,000 at GM Place on Sunday, February 25, 2007.

The Gala is one of the most widely anticipated and well attended events in the Vancouver Chinese community. It brings together government officials, community leaders, and celebrities to raise funds to support S.U.C.C.E.S.S. programs for youth, women, seniors, and family counseling. This year, the Gala surpassed its target goal of \$300,000 and raised \$727,000.

The VIP list included dignitaries such as **Secretary of State for Multiculturalism and Canadian Identity, Jason Kenney; Premier Gordon Campbell; and Vancouver Mayor Sam Sullivan.** In their speeches, S.U.C.C.E.S.S. was praised for the work it has done to improve the lives of new immigrants and all Canadians for the past 30 years. Mayor Sullivan gave a special presentation of the proclamation of S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Community Services Day.

A special lifetime achievement award was presented to Lilian To, the late CEO of S.U.C.C.E.S.S., for her significant contribution to the organization. Her son, Daniel To, received the award on behalf of the family.

This year's superstar cast included M.C.s, Eric Tsang, Teresa Mo, Ka Lok Chin, Sui Wai Mui, and Sherming Yiu and featured stellar performances by Justin, Niki Chow, Stephy Tang, Kary Ng, Vincy, Elisa Chan, Yumiko Cheng, Kenny Kwan, and Joyce Cheng.

The chairman of S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Foundation, Lawrence Woo, said that the Gala is the largest charity concert of its kind in North America. He thanked the entertainers who flew in all the way from Hong Kong to perform for the event.

S.U.C.C.E.S.S. gratefully acknowledged presenting sponsor, TELUS, official airline sponsor, Air Canada, and raffle presenting sponsor, General Motors of Canada Ltd. The three major financial institutions were recognized for the highest raffle ticket sales: HSBC Bank Canada, TD Canada Trust, and Scotiabank.