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2009 S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Fundraising Gala Raised \$324,577

Vancouver – 2009 S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Fundraising Gala was successfully held this evening at The Westin Bayshore, Vancouver. This year, the Gala was attended by over 850 guests and raised **\$324,577**.

The Gala is one of the most anticipated and well attended events in the Vancouver Chinese community. Since 1997, the gala has attracted over 130,000 people and raised more than \$5,300,000 for community services in Metro Vancouver.

As in previous years, this year's Gala was well attended by notable dignitaries. Amongst these special guests were: representing the Prime Minister of Canada, the Hon. Stockwell Day, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway, the Hon. Gordon Campbell, Premier of British Columbia; the Hon. Colin Hansen, Minister of Finance and Minister Responsible for the Olympics; the Hon. Murray Coell, Minister of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development; the Hon. Ida Chong, Minister of Small Business, Technology and Economic Development, the Hon. Linda Reid, Minister of State for Childcare; His Worship Gregor Robertson, Mayor of Vancouver, His Worship Malcolm Brodie, Mayor of Richmond and His Worship Richard Stewart, Mayor of Coquitlam.

“Tonight we have successfully met our fundraising target. These proceeds will benefit individuals who require services in the areas of youth, women, seniors, and family counseling programs,” announced Betty Funston, Chair of S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Foundation.

The 2009 Fundraising Gala began with an exclusive banquet and followed by an intimate concert with three distinguished artists from Hong Kong. Chet Lam, renowned singer and song writer, Ha Yu, newly crowned Best Actor at the 2008 TVB Anniversary Awards, and Annabelle Louie.

Mrs. Joann Wong-Bittle and Dr. Raymond Kwan, Co-Chairs of 2009 S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Fundraising Gala, thanked the entertainers who flew in all the way from Hong Kong to perform for the event. The Co-Chairs also gratefully acknowledged Presenting Sponsor TELUS, and Official Airline Sponsor Air Canada.

The annual S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Fundraising Raffle Sale, a companion fundraising effort along with the Gala, had the winning numbers drawn during the show.

This year the top three financial institutions who received raffle sales awards were: HSBC Bank Canada, Scotiabank and TD Canada Trust.

S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Foundation, incorporated in December 2001, is a charitable foundation responsible for raising funds for S.U.C.C.E.S.S. and its affiliated organizations to support their

mandates for the betterment of the community. For more details, please visit:
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