

## President's Message for 2019 CPAC Education Day Press Conference

Honoured Guests, members of the press, thank you for your attendance this morning.

On Saturday March 2, CPAC Foundation will be hosting its 10th Education Day. This is an event held to provide information on Canadian Education system as well as helpful and practical guidances on education choices for students and parents. You may wonder why parents are always included in our dialogue on education matters. Well, in our culture and others, I'm sure, parents care for their children from cradle to career.

This year we have decided to expand the Education Day to include the CPAC Scholarship Award Ceremony. The awarding of scholarships to deserving students is an annual event that the Foundation has hosted continuously for the past 18 years. Over the course of the years the Foundation has given out 224 scholarships and awards with a total value of \$278,000. In addition to academic excellence, the recipients of these awards, past and present, are socially engaged and contributed meaningfully to our community.

This year we received over 160 applications. Many are very deserving. Having to choose among them has always been challenging. Some of the recipients have an average academic score of 99%. With your help, we want to increase the number of awards so that many more students can be encouraged to excel. We invite everyone, as individuals or as representatives of Corporate Canada, to attend this year's Education Day to meet these socially commuted and brilliant students. I am certain you will be impressed.

Canada is a welcoming country and Canadians are very generous people. Each year we give millions of dollars to help give the less fortunate a fresh start. We should give some to our local talents as they are our future leaders.

The theme for this year's Education Day is, ***Discover Your Possibilities***. We are delighted to have, as our keynote speaker, Mr. Simu Liu. Simu is a Canadian Screen Award-nominated actor, writer and producer. He is best known for his role as Jung on the hit CBC comedy, *Kim's Convenience*. Simu's keynote presentation will focus on improving communication between immigrant parents and their Canadian educated children.

As with our previous Education Day events, we have great networking opportunities as well relevant breakout sessions to explore education topics.

This year's Education Day is made possible by our Presenting Sponsor; Telus, ours stalwart scholarship donors; TD Insurance, Meloche Monnex, Chartered Professional Accountants Ontario, and Queens Financial. The Networking section is sponsored by CIBC. We have The Hum Law firm and CPAC to thank for their co-sponsorship of our keynote speaker.

My sincere gratitude to all our seminar hosts, and students. I would also like to thank our team of dedicated volunteers and staff whose hard work enabled the Foundation to proudly host this event at this great venue.

Finally, I thank you, members of the media, for supporting our event every year. It is with your support along with partners such as Telus that the Education Day has become the largest education related event in GTA's Chinese Community.

Thank you!

Richard Lim  
President, CPAC Foundation