

**KICK START TO A
NEW CAREER**

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Open a New Page in Your Life

青少年職業諮詢講座

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Foreword

Kick Start to a New Career 2009 – A Youth Career Forum

The traditional ideal careers in the minds of many Chinese parents have always been doctors, lawyers, engineers, and accountants. But, in fact, there are many more career opportunities available to our youth today which parents may not aware of.

Many of our youth today are uncertain as to what their future career choice should be. Through this career forum, we hope to bring awareness to parents and youth alike, some of the “non-traditional”, but highly regarded careers that are available today.

The Kick Start to a New Career Forum is a joint project of Ontario Pui Ching High School Alumni Association, Vision Youth, and Mr. Godwin Chan, Councillor of Richmond Hill.

We hope this event will be well-received, and many more of such forum will follow. Our invited guests will share their job experiences, know-hows, and accomplishments so as to provide the audience with a more in-depth look at their careers. Our speakers include: Film Director, Music Producer, Lawyer / Doctor, Geriatric Care, Electrical Engineer, Nuclear Power Service, Cardiologist, Project/Design Engineering, Legal Aid Lawyer Assistant Professor of Physiology & Medicine, Aerospace Studies, Emergency Medical Services Nursing.

“行行出狀元 “ 青少年職業諮詢講座

行行出狀元在一般中國人的父母心目中最好是醫生, 律師, 工程師, 會計師等等。但現今的社會有很多甚有發展潛能的職業, 是不為人熟悉或不知如何入行。我們今次所舉辦的講座是想介紹一些有興趣又有潛質的行業給於大家認識。

現在的青少年, 可能對於入大學所選擇的科系以及將來的職業毫無頭緒, 我們衷心希望能藉著這個講座給予他們及他們的父有一點兒幫助及頭緒。

安省培正同學會, 連同「展望」青年訓領袖培訓計劃 Vision Youth 及烈治文山市議員陳志輝 Mr. Godwin Chan, 一起齊心在去年首次舉辦了“行行出狀元 “ 青少年職業的諮詢講座”, 超過四百多位青少年及家長參加了去年的講座。今年我們繼續舉辦此講座并邀請不同行業的講者。我們邀請多位在職的講者分享他們各行的經歷及工作經驗好讓青少年深入了解這些非一般家長及青少年所熟悉的行業。今次講述的職業有導演、音樂制作、律師 / 醫生、耆老護理服務、核能科技行業、心臟專科醫生、法律援助行業、醫學研究、太空工程、工程行業、緊急服務行業及護理行業。

Co-Organizers

Vision Youth Leadership Program

Vision Youth Leadership Program is a multi-faceted youth leadership training program with three levels (Bronze, Silver and Gold) and each level is a six month Program. Developed by Canada-Hong Kong Link, the leadership program aims to enrich the participants with non-academic life skills such as social, political and environmental awareness, leadership, and outdoor survival skills to complement their existing skills set. Our goal is to allow the participants to recognize their full potential and thrive to becoming visionary leaders of tomorrow. Please visit www.visionyouth.ca for more information.

Godwin Chan

Godwin Chan, currently a Councillor of the Town of Richmond Hill, has been involved in community activities for two decades. He has shown community leadership in wide-ranging areas, including policing, education, public health, library services and road safety.

As a father of two sons, he has been active in school councils to enhance the learning environment of the students. Councillor Chan is interested in promoting a sense of community belonging and in engaging youth to support worthy causes. To that end, he is working to organize the "Initiatives for the Youth of the Future" (IYF) in partnership with service clubs and youth groups to launch meaningful projects for inspiring leadership training and community services. The "Kick-start to a New Career and Open a New Page in Your Life" forum is a first such collaborative joint effort with PuiChing School Alumni (Ontario) and Vision Youth.

Pui Ching School Alumni (Ontario)

Pui Ching School was found in Guangzhou, China in 1889. In 1933, the Pui Ching School (Hong Kong) was established. The Pui Ching School Alumni School of Ontario was formed in the 1970's in Toronto. Over the world, there are over 40 Alumni Associations located in most of the major cities in different countries.

Currently, we have over 1,000 alumni in Ontario; most of them resided in GTA. Some of the objectives of the Association are as follows :

- a) To promote, support and protect the common interests of the members of the Association.
- b) To participate in intellectual and cultural activities in the community.
- c) To promote and enhance fellowship among alumni of Pui Ching School across the globe.

Our Annual functions include Annual AGM dinner, joint schools BBQ, seminars, golf tournaments and Christmas dinner.

Timetable

Time	Activities				
9:00am to 9:25am	Registration				
9:30am to 9:55am	Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening speech • Brief introduction of each speaker 				
	Council Chamber	Members Lounge	Committee Room #2	Committee Room #3	Committee Room #4
10:00am to 10:45am	Ms Avvy Go Legal Aid Lawyer 法律界行業	Mr. Evan Choi Electrical Engineer, Nuclear Power Service 核能科技行業	Ms Allyson Chiu Geriatric Care 耆老護理服務	Mr. Jim McCullough Emergency Medical Services 緊急服務行業	Mr. Ricky Chan Music Producer 音樂製作
11:00am to 11:45am	Ms Avvy Go Legal Aid Lawyer 法律界行業	Mr. Evan Choi Electrical Engineer, Nuclear Power Service 核能科技行業	Ms Allyson Chiu Geriatric Care 耆老護理服務	Mr. Eric Tang Nursing 護理行業	Mr. Ricky Chan Music Producer 音樂製作
12:00pm to 12:45pm	Mr. Kenneth Bi Film Director 電影導演	Mr. Evan Choi Electrical Engineer, Nuclear Power Service 核能科技行業	Ms Allyson Chiu Geriatric Care 耆老護理服務	Mr. Eric Tang Nursing 護理行業	Mr. Jim McCullough Emergency Medical Services 緊急服務行業
Lunch (1pm to 2pm)					
2:00pm to 2:45pm	Mr. Kenneth Bi Film Director 電影導演	Dr. Tony Lam PhD Assistant Professor of Physiology & Medicine, U of T 醫學研究	Mr. Jerry Chwang Project/Design Engineering 工程行業	Dr. Chi Ming Chow Cardiologist 心臟專科醫生	Mr. Jim McCullough Emergency Medical Services 緊急服務行業
3:00pm to 3:45pm	Mr. Peter Chang Lawyer / Doctor 律師/ 醫生	Dr. Tony Lam PhD Assistant Professor of Physiology & Medicine, U of T 醫學研究	Mr. Jerry Chwang Project/Design Engineering 工程行業	Dr. Chi Ming Chow Cardiologist 心臟專科醫生	Prof. Hugh Liu Aerospace Studies 太空工程
4:00pm to 4:45pm	Mr. Peter Chang Lawyer / Doctor 律師/ 醫生	Dr. Tony Lam PhD Assistant Professor of Physiology & Medicine, U of T 醫學研究	Mr. Jerry Chwang Project/Design Engineering 工程行業	Dr. Chi Ming Chow Cardiologist 心臟專科醫生	Prof. Hugh Liu Aerospace Studies 太空工程
5:00pm to 5:30pm	Closing Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lucky Draws • Survey 				

Panelists

Kenneth Bi Film Director

Kenneth Bi graduated with Honors in Theatre/Film from Brock University in Canada. He returned to his native Hong Kong in 1994 and began his film career on Teddy Robin's 1995 feature, *Hong Kong Graffiti*. In 1998 he line-produced *Slow Fade* and garnered a Hong Kong Film Awards nomination for Best Original Film Score for Fruit Chan's *The Longest Summer*.

A Small Miracle (2000), a micro-budget DV project, gave Bi the chance to write, direct, edit and compose original music all by himself. The DV film premiered at the inaugural TOKYO FILMeX and won Best Foreign Film at Digital Visions in Chicago.

In 2002, Bi served double duty as story co-creator and actor on *The Runaway Pistol*, a Best Film nominee at the 39th Golden Horse Awards.

Rice Rhapsody (2004), Bi's 35mm feature film directorial debut, won Outstanding Screenplay from Taiwan's GIO and was an Official Project at PPP 2000. The film was selected for competition by the Tokyo International Film Festival and went on to win the Platinum Award for Best Theatrical Feature at the 2005 Houston Worldfest, Jury Award for Best Actress (Sylvia Chang) at the Newport Beach Film Festival, Best New Director at the 2006 Hong Kong Film Awards, as well as being named Top Ten Chinese Language Films of 2005 by the Chinese Film Critics Association.

His second 35mm feature film, *The Drummer* (2007), starring international action star Jackie Chan's son, Jaycee Chan, is a co-production between Hong Kong, Taiwan and Germany. It made history as the first Chinese-language film funded by Germany's Medienboard Berlin-Brandenburg, as well as the first film from Hong Kong and Taiwan selected for competition at the Sundance Film Festival, where it was named Critics' Pick by the Hollywood Reporter. The film has won Audience Awards for Favorite Film at Locarno, Seattle, and Toronto Reel Asian, Best Supporting Actor (Tony Leung) at the Golden Horse Awards, and has so far been licensed to over 50 territories.

Bi is currently developing an untitled Chinese language film as well as two English language thrillers, *The Portal* and *Sarah's Birthday Wish*.

Ricky Chan Ka-Suen Music Producer

Multi-talented television executive producer and director Ricky Ka-Suen Chan is also an accomplished movie director and music whiz. As an executive Producer for HK-TVB, Ricky's variety show is consistently in the top ten in ratings.

Major productions of international stature include the "Miss Universe Beauty Pageant 1976" which was broadcast live from Hong Kong around the world, the "Miss Asia Pacific Quest 1985", the sellout double concerts performed at the Lincoln Center from New York City - organized by United Way of the Tri-State Area, "From Hong Kong With Love" in September 1988 and February 1989 and a 12-hour live coverage program for 30-hour Famine in 1991 organized by World Vision of Hong Kong.

Ricky struck out in the late 60's as a noted keyboard musician in the group Topnote and later with Teddy Robin and the Playboys. In 1970 he was handpicked as one of Hong Kong's top most representative musicians for a month-long performance at the Hong Kong pavilion of the World Expo in Osaka, Japan. His knowledge of music gave him the foundation and background for the production of musical variety shows in the years to come.

Ricky has had six features to his credit, all box office hits; "Lam Ah Chun", "Disco Bumpkins", "A Detective Story", "Friend from inner space" and "to Love Ferrari". One of his all time favorites, "Dangerous Encounter of the First Kind", he took on the role of executive producer with Mr. Tsui Hark directing. Dangerous Encounters garnered several prestigious awards including a Best Foreign Picture Award in the Berlin Film Festival of 1980. Its success continued to the London Film Festival, The Cannes Film Festival and The Manila Film Festival in the same year.

Mr. Chan has been running his own companies for more than eighteen years. Network Investments Limited, a holding company engaging equally in the field of advertising, feature film and video production which also plans and organized special projects extending to a scheme scale. He is also involved in Inetwork Productions (Canada).

Major campaigns done in the past few years by Inetwork were the feature "Young Dreams". Inetwork television commercial production client list includes, Sharp Videocam, Otard XO Cognac, Jaeger LeCoultre Watch, Converse Sport shoes, Arena, Swimwear, Lotto Sport shoes, Redken Hair products, Satchi leather goods, Polygram Records, Prince Of Peace (US), TD/Waterhouse, Sprint(Canada), CIBC Banking(Canada), Metropolitan Hotel (Canada), Hong Kong Telecom, Ford (Canada), P & G, Canadian Tier, Royal Canadian Mint. Documentaries and training programs prepared for - AIA Insurance, MTL terminal, Red Cross Hong Kong, Eagle-Star Insurance, Hong Kong Hotel, Plaza Hotel, Miramar Hotel/Park Lane Square, Sing Tao Group of companies and many ore.

Mr. Chan's productions also include the MTV/Karaoke Laser disc production of The Bee Gees and the live concert production with MTV for Jacky Cheung, Alan Tam, Faye Wong - Beyond, Jackie Chan's Live Show at Skydome in 2001, Rose Rose I Love You Concert 2005 And Ricky Chan's "With A Little Help From My Friends" Concerts.

Currently Ricky hosts a weekly music radio program for Fairchild radio.

Dr. Peter Chang M.B.,B.S., D.P.M., D.PSYCH., F.R.C.P.(C), J.D.
Lawyer / Doctor

Dr. Peter Chang graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Hong Kong, in 1968. He took psychiatric training in Hong Kong and in Canada, and has been practising Psychiatry in Canada since 1973. In the past he served as Acting Medical Director at Whitby Psychiatric Hospital and Chief of Psychiatry at the Salvation Army Scarborough Grace Hospital. In 1992, Dr. Chang graduated from the Faculty of Law, University of Toronto with the degree of J.D. (Juris Doctor), and he articulated at Borden & Elliot (now known as Borden Ladner Gervais LLP). Dr. Chang was called to the Ontario bar in 1994. He is now practising psychiatry part-time, and law full-time.

Allyson Chiu
Geriatric Care Director - Yee Hong Center

Allyson graduated in University of Alberta and University of Toronto with degrees in Psychology and Gerontology. She had worked in YH Foundation and the McNicoll YH nursing home for 20 years. She was the Activation Supervisor, fundraising worker and first worker to build the Macrobian Club and congregate dining programs. Allyson is a certified trainer for Remotivation Therapy, Snoezelen and certified train the trainer for Dementia (National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioner - USA). Her past positions had given herself experiences in organizing programs for both active and frail seniors, therapeutic programs for demented seniors, volunteer coordination and training programs plus staff training programs. Allyson also teaches as an oversea instructor for Hong Kong University and Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

Evan Choi

**Electrical Engineer, Nuclear Power Service
President - Power Choice Technical Services Inc.**

Evan was born in Hong Kong where he finished high school at the Pui Ching Middle school. He then pursued his university education in California State University in Long Beach. After graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering degree, Evan went on to further graduate studies at University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA).

Evan worked for Ontario Hydro/ Ontario Power Generation (OPG) since 1981. For 26.5 years, Evan's professional experience at OPG was built on nuclear power generation, especially in the area of inspection and maintenance (I&M) services of nuclear power plants. He started as a junior engineer and worked his way up to become the Manager of an I&M department. During his career, he conducted or managed innovative development of I&M tools and processes for the most critical nuclear reactor components. Evan also managed the execution of major station outage work campaigns, with many of these campaigns ranked the largest in the world. Evan was recognized by the International Atomic Energy Agency (a United Nations organization) as an expert in his field and carried out 3 IAEA sponsored lecturing missions in various parts of the world. For 10 years since 1998, Evan was a voting member in the steering committee of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) - a global organization (based in USA) dedicated to jointly improve the safety and performance of nuclear power plants.

Evan left OPG and established his own company in 2007. His company now services global CANDU power plants in joint project execution and management. Power plants that Evan's company serves now include those in Canada, China, South Korea, Argentina, Romania, India and Pakistan. Evan currently provides services in the area of consultation on life-cycle-management of the most critical plant components, regulatory codes & standards compliance and specialized tool development.

Dr. Chi Ming Chow

**Cardiologist MDCM MSc FRCPC FACC FASE
Assistant Professor in Medicine, University of Toronto Staff Cardiologist
St. Michael's Hospital**

Dr. Chi-Ming Chow is an attending staff cardiologist at St. Michael's Hospital. He is an associate professor in the Department of Medicine, University of Toronto. He has an undergraduate degree in computer science from Brown University, USA. He completed his Doctor of Medicine (1990) at McGill University (Montréal, Québec) and a Masters of Science in Epidemiology at McGill University (1997). He completed his training in Internal Medicine and Cardiology at McGill University. He then pursued his clinical and research echocardiography fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard University before joining the Division of Cardiology at St. Michael's Hospital in 2001.

He has authored a number of popular medical education software programs (e.g. CardioMath, ECG Made Simple) that are being used by medical professionals and students internationally. His current areas of research include ethnic differences in cardiovascular disease, investigating new technologies in non-invasive imaging and medical informatics. He had won multiple local and national teaching awards to recognize his teaching and innovation in medical education. He is a winner of the Ruedy Award for Innovation in Medical Education presented by the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada and Dalhousie University Faculty of Medicine and the 2009 William Goldie Prize for Innovation by the Department of Medicine, University of Toronto.

He has authored multiple peer-reviewed journals and presented regularly in local, national and international scientific meetings. He is currently a board member, and a media spokesperson for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario and the Vice-President of the Chinese Canadian Council, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario. He participates actively in health promotion and research among ethnic Chinese. He is also a regular contributor to the Canadian Journal CME as a cardiology consultant.

Jerry Chwang

Senior Advisor, Ontario Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure

Jerry has 6 years of automotive engineering experience as a project/design engineer at Magna. Then, he transitioned to a strategic management consultant role at Deloitte focused on several industries (energy, financial services) for 3 years. He just started 2 months ago at the government as a policy advisor working on electricity transmission and distribution issues.

Avvy Go

Legal Aid Lawyer

Clinic Director - Metro Toronto Chinese & Southeast Asian Legal Clinic

Avvy Go is the Clinic Director of Metro Toronto Chinese & Southeast Asian Legal Clinic. She received her B.A. in economics and management studies from the University of Waterloo, LL.B. from the University of Toronto, and LL.M. from Osgoode Hall Law School. Since her call to the Bar in 1991, she has worked exclusively in the legal clinic system, serving the legal needs of low income individuals and families, the majority of whom are non-English speaking immigrants and refugees. Immigration, human rights, and employment law are some of the main areas of law that she practices in. Avvy is one of the recipients of the 2008 City of Toronto's William P. Hubbard Award for Race Relations. She was also the Recipient of 2002 President's Award of the Women's Law Association of Ontario. Between 2001 and 2003, she was a bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada. Re-elected in November, 2006, she is currently a bencher, the Vice-Chair of the Access to Justice Committee and a member of the Equity and Aboriginal Issues Committee of the Law Society. Since 2005, she has been a part time adjudicator of the Health Professions Appeal and Review Board. She was appointed to Board of Directors of the Ontario Justice Education Network in June 2009. Avvy has given numerous lectures and educational seminars in various areas of law including immigration, human rights, and employment law. She has also published articles in various publications including law journals, law books, community as well as mainstream newspapers dealing with a variety of subject matters such as redress and reparations, constitutional litigation, and other legal and policy issues affecting immigrants and racialized communities. Apart from her legal practice, Avvy spends much time doing community organizing and advocacy work. She was involved in a number of community organizations such as serving as the Vice-Chair of the Court Challenges Program of Canada, President of the Chinese Canadian National Council (Toronto Chapter) and board member of the Urban Alliance on Race Relations. In 2007, she co-founded the Colour of Poverty Campaign – a campaign to address the increasing racialization of poverty in Ontario.

PhD Tony Lam

Assistant Professor of Physiology & Medicine, , University of Toronto

Tony immigrated with his family from Hong Kong to Toronto in 1987 at the age of 11 and received his PhD at the University of Toronto in 2003. He went on to carry out diabetes research as a post-doctoral fellow at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City and returned to UT as a faculty member in 2006.

Tony is currently the John Kitson McIvor Endowed Chair in Diabetes Research and Assistant Professor of Physiology and Medicine at UT. He directs a diabetes and obesity research laboratory at the Toronto General Hospital and lectures to UT students.

In the past 3 years, Tony has lectured at Harvard University, University of Cambridge in England, The University of Hong Kong and other major Universities worldwide. He also lectured at major Pharmaceutical Companies such as Merck, Lilly or Amgen as well as International Medical Conferences held in North America, UK, Europe, Asia and South Africa.

Finally, Tony received research awards from the Ontario government, American Diabetes Association and the Canadian Diabetes Association, and his laboratory is funded by the Canadian Institute of Health Research.

Dr. Hugh Liu
Aerospace Engineer, University of Toronto

Dr. Hugh H.T. Liu received his Bachelor of Engineer's degree in Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Master of Applied Science in Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, and Ph.D. in University of Toronto. Since his graduation, he joined an aerospace company working as an Aerospace Engineer where he designed and developed a control system on the aircraft and participated in flight testing on a military aircraft. Later He joined the University of Toronto Institute for Aerospace Studies to become a professor. His academic duties include teaching, research and service to public.

Jim McCullough, AEMCA
EMS Liaison Officer, Media/ Communications Unit
City of Toronto Emergency Medical Service

Jim has been a registered Paramedic with the Province of Ontario for 28 years and he is currently working as a Liaison Officer for the Media and Communications Unit for Toronto's Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

Eric Tang
Nurse

Eric Tang, a Register Nurse graduated with a BScN from Ryerson University in the summer of 2008 and successfully obtained his RN license shortly after. He has been a member of The Sigma Theta Tau Society since 2006 and is also a member of RNAO.

Upon graduation he accepted a position as a staff nurse at a long-term care facility. He mainly served seniors of Chinese and South-Asian background. Later on he accepted another position as a RAI Coordinator at the same facility.

Raised in Hong Kong, Eric now lives in Toronto. At present he has begun his nursing graduate studies at Ryerson University.

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