CONNECTIONS WITH OUR COMMUNITY: COLLECTING AND RESEARCH CHINESE CANADIAN RESOURCES AT UBC AND UOF T

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PRESENTATION CONTENTS:

- Chinese diaspora studies: an important part of global Overseas Chinese studies
- Two provinces and two universities: the centers for Chinese Canadian Collections & Services
- Support and collaboration: Toward comprehensive study of Chinese Canadians
CHRONOLOGY OF CHINESE IMMIGRANTS IN CANADA

• The first small group of Chinese arrived at Vancouver Island, BC from south China in 1788 as contract laborers.

• Chinese arrived at Fraser River valley from San Francisco in 1850's in the height of Gold Rushes. Physically segregated “Chinatown” took in shape in Victoria, Vancouver and other west coast cities since 1860s and in Toronto in 1890s when Chinese immigrants moved eastward from BC.

• Chinese Head Tax (1885-1923) and the exclusion era (1923–1947) restricted Chinese to come to Canada. The population of Chinese Canadians grew very slowly in this period.

• Waves of new Chinese immigrants came to Canada since 1980s: Taiwan immigrants (1980s), Hong Kong immigrants (before 1997) and immigrants from mainland China since late 1980s are the major waves.

• Today, the population of Chinese as one of the largest minority groups in Canada has reached to almost 1.5 million.
DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE OF CHINESE POPULATION IN CANADA

Chinese immigrants

- Chinese
- % in Total population
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THE UTL EAST ASIAN LIBRARY’S CHINESE CANADIAN COLLECTIONS

• Newspapers (community newspapers, commercial newspapers and organizational attached newspapers)

• Community organization publications & archival materials

• Printed Materials related with Chinese Canadian communities

• Individuals’ archival materials (documents, photos, objects, etc.)

• Academic publications on Chinese Canadian researches
CHINESE CANADIAN NEWSPAPERS

Shing Wah Daily News sample pages in 1950s & 1980s
COMMUNITY PUBLICATIONS
RECORDS OF LOCAL CHINESE BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

Restaurant menus collection
INDIVIDUAL’S VARIOUS RECORDS
SERVICES & OUTREACH

• At UTL, we are one of the libraries open to the public to attract users of the local Asian communities
• Organize lecture series to invite faculty, researchers to talk on special topics related to Chinese Canadian research,
• Organize conferences on immigration studies,
• Installing special exhibitions in the library to highlight the Asian Canadian’s experiences in Canada.
• Digitize library’s special collections on Chinese Canadian studies to meet the needs of scholars on primary resources
RESEARCH

• Build up comprehensive Chinese Canadian collections by approach the community pro-actively.
• Preserve and provide unique research resources via digitization projects
• Collaborate with faculty in different academic units, colleagues from other departments and other institutions toward resource gathering and research projects
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- Provided a platform and gathering place to collaborate with many stakeholders
- Professors and students led learning, teaching and research activities
- Comprehensive print and digital resources in the entire library system
- Has made positive impacts in local community
- Has changed the fundamental understanding towards Chinese Canadians
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- Chung Collection
- Seto More Collection
- Yip Sang Collection
REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY

- Webcast Technology Outreach & Distance Learning
- Preservation of the local community information with Ming Pao
PROJECTS WITH ING SUEY SUN TONG ASSOCIATION

• **2003-2012** 加華文獻聚珍
• **2008-2010** 人頭稅項目
• **2011** 辛亥革命百年
• **2012** 伍漢持烈士生平展 & 世界海外华人研究与文献收藏机构联合会國際會議
• **2014** Exhibition of Historical Artifacts of Overseas Chinese & Historical Figures of the Ing Clan
TEACHING AND RESEARCH

- Asian-Canadian Minor Program
- W. Peter Ward's *Stature, migration and human welfare in South China, 1850–1930* offers new evidence on human stature in south China
- Dr. Leung's new book on Chinese Canadian Literary History
- New paper in JEAL on Seto More, the Chinese pioneer in Canada, attracted partners and support
AN ELEGANT GATHERING OF CONFUCIANISTS
当代的儒家雅集

CALLIGRAPHY AND MUSIC

STUDENT DEVELOPED DIGITAL LEARNING OBJECTS FROM MASTER LI’S PRIVATE COLLECTION
CHALLENGES AND LATEST DEVELOPMENT

- Rescue and preserve Chinese heritage in town
- Introduce UBC China Specialists to the community
- Invite freelance scholars to UBC
  Mr. Shen Jia & Chang Chi-jeng
- Work with other institutions world-wide
  Paper attracted partner researchers, museums and funding institutions
  Documentary film Kang Youwei in Canada received official support from both countries
  International conference planning with CASS
THANK YOU!

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