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Calgary, AB- *Asian Heritage Foundation (Southern Alberta) officially marked the beginning of Asian Heritage Month with a virtual event.*

May is a time to celebrate the culture and deep history of our diverse Asian communities in Alberta and Canada. The theme for this year is “Canada’s Builders and Contributors.” The 1.5 hour virtual event brought together dignitaries and more than 30 communities to highlight culture, artistry, pride and history.

Asian Heritage Foundation (AHF) is a non-profit Pan-Asian organization, which celebrates the contributions of Asian Canadians within the cultural, economic, political, and social spheres in our province and Canada.

AHF founder and former Alberta MLA, Teresa Woo-Paw, added, “Our recognition of Asian Heritage Month during a pandemic and escalating anti-Asian racism speaks to the resilience of Asian Canadians to overcome legislative discrimination, systemic barriers and hate. This is the time to explore and celebrate strength and resolve to ensure our Canadian society can be the inclusive society we aspire to be.”

Asian history is rich and also painful within Canada. Asian Canadians helped build this country with the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway in the 1800s. And the horror of Japanese Canadians forcibly removed from their homes to internment camps during World War II should not be forgotten. The global pandemic has resurfaced anti-Asian sentiment with escalating racist attacks, violence and fear. These realities make Asian Heritage Month more important than ever.

Cesar Cala, of Filipinos Rising said, “Join us in the 2021 Asian Heritage Month celebrations to recognize Asian Canadians as nation builders in the past and now. From the railways, to South Asian farmers, essential workers, teachers and service industry workers, the resilience of our community demonstrates our resolve. It's time to be proud and join in allyship.”

For an in depth look at events in May and June, visit www.asianheritageyyc.ca.

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