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New awards launched for Chinese entrepreneurs

BY MIKE ADLER
Staff Writer

This fall, some of York Region's best Chinese businesses and entrepreneurs can step forward and take a bow.

The Richmond Hill and Markham Chinese Business Association launched its first Outstanding Business Awards program recently, to celebrate 10 years of work in both towns, saying it hopes to recognize achievements of Chinese entrepreneurs and "stimulate more Chinese participation in the local community."

"We're encouraging the Chinese to do their business well; to create employment opportunities and to assimilate into what we call the mainstream," said Daisy Wai, spokesperson for the 300-member group.

"We want to encourage them not to be isolated." Owners are eligible if their business is in Markham or Richmond Hill or they live in one of the towns, which have both attracted thousands of Chinese professionals and investors.

The categories are outstanding employer, outstanding exporter, out-

standing business innovator, outstanding capital investor and outstanding female entrepreneur.

POLITICIANS JUDGE

Markham Mayor Don Cousens, Richmond Hill Mayor Bill Bell, Markham MP John McCallum, Markham MPP Dave Tsubouchi and Oak Ridges MPP Frank Klees have agreed to help with judging.

The winners, along with a sizable donation by the association to

Markham Stouffville Hospital, will be revealed at the association's anniversary dinner Sept. 27.

Nominations for awards must be received by July 15 at scheng@bdo.ca, or by fax at 905-946-9524 or care of BDO Dunwoody Chartered Accountants and Consultants LLP, 60 Columbia Way, Suite 400, Markham, Ont., L3R 0C9.

More information on the awards or business seminars is available from Tan at 905-943-9706.

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The Thunder Bay-based firm has three daily round-trip flights, plus some weekend service, from Buttonville, at Hwy. 404 and 16th Avenue.

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