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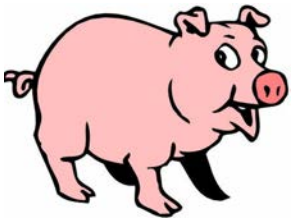

Year of the Pig

CHINESE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

CBA NEWS

PROFESSOR ANTHONY CHEN SHARES IN NOBEL PEACE PRIZE 2007

Professor Anthony Chen

The Chinese Benevolent Association proudly congratulates UWI (Mona) Professor Anthony Chen, member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) that was recently awarded the prestigious Nobel Peace Prize 2007. The award this year is equally shared with former U.S. Vice President Al Gore for their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about man-made climate change, and to lay the foundation for the measures that are needed to counteract such change.

The Nobel Committee believes that action is necessary now before climate change moves beyond man's control. By awarding the Nobel Peace Prize 2007 to the IPCC and Al Gore, the Norwegian Nobel Committee seeks to bring into sharper focus the processes and decisions necessary to protect the world's future climate, and thereby to reduce the threat to the security of mankind.

The IPCC was established by the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in 1988 to provide policymakers with neutral summaries of the latest information related to human-induced climate change. The IPCC functions through three working groups, focusing on the science, impact and mitigation of climate change, and one task force charged with development greenhouse gas inventories.

Professor Chen was a member of Group 1, whose contribution to the fourth assessment report "Climate Change 2007: The Physical Science Basis" featured him as lead author of the section on "Small Islands" in Chapter 11 "Regional Climate Projections". This encompasses temperature and precipitation projections, sea level rise, and tropical cy-

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Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas

From the Editor

Phyllis Kong, Editor

In October, we had the celebration of China National Day with a garden party, which organizing committee was chaired by Neil Yap Sam. We commend Neil and his team for their efforts in bringing off a successful event. I have to say the food was great. It was prepared by our own CBA chefs, headed by Johnny Chuck. Look out for another great event come Sunday, February 10, 2008 when we celebrate Chinese New Year of the Rat. It will be bigger and better!

Also in October, we had our Annual General Meeting and election of officers for 2008. The new committee will be sworn in early in the new year when the term of office commences. There are a few new, 'energetic' people on the 2008 committee and we trust they will "get off the ground running", as the saying goes.

In November, we celebrated with Professor Anthony Chen on the award of the Nobel Peace Prize 2007 that went to the IPCC, of which he is a member and a lead author. We also note the Governor-General Achievement Award 2007 to Mr. Ernest Hoo in November. Congratulations to the Achievers in our community.

In this Issue

Pictures galore in this issue and they do tell their own stories. Thanks to Neil Yap Sam for his submission and to Ray Chen for a couple photos he took at the function for Anthony Chen.

Cynthia Lyew presents the Secretary's Report for 2007. Indeed, many events and activities have taken place this year, which is why we have been so very busy.

There is an interesting article about varieties of "Chineseness" in relation to overseas Chinese, such as we are.

Cemetery restoration continues and Robert Lee gives us an update. In fact, he has undertaken another restoration project at the CBA Temple on Barry Street, which was damaged by hurricane Dean.

David Chang also writes about the Chinese Cemetery from another perspective. Incidentally, next year CBA Gah San will held on Sunday, April 6, 2008. Please bear that in mind and plan to come to Gah San. This is an important cultural tradition that clings us to our Chinese heritage.

Here we are in December already, in the heart of Christmas. The CBA Family Christmas Party takes place on Sunday afternoon, December 16, as advised by Coordinator Karen Hugh Sam Lee.

Take care and do have a Happy Christmas with your loved ones. And when the New Year comes, look towards hope to keep you going in 2008.

The President's Report

Your Executive has followed the mandate of maintaining, nurturing and enhancing those aspects of our heritage and culture that have been bequeathed to us, and to serve in the interest of the Chinese community and the wider community through our outreach programmes.

Our **Mandarin Chinese instruction** under Maisie Lau has been greatly expanded and serves our membership and the wider national community. Of special note is the acceptance on a no-charge basis language instruction to the Immigration and Labour departments.

Downtown Business Community: We have hosted a series of meetings to facilitate greater interaction with relevant Governmental bodies on the community's concerns on crime management and prevention, understanding the labour laws, public health and social issues.

Chinese Home for the Aged: There are now three residents at the home and we continue to receive donations of meals, food, fruit and vegetables from our Business membership. Refurbishing is being undertaken to ensure a more homely environment, and greater visiting is being encouraged. Steps are being taken to relocate the home to 33 Russell Heights in the New Year.

Sports: We continue to stage our annual national Badminton Tournament during the summer through Mr. Robert Lee. There is need for greater youth membership participation and this must be nurtured.

Gym: This is open to members only and has performed satisfactorily. Personalized assistance is received from our resident instructor Sergio. There is need for increased membership to enable financial viability.

Summer Camp: The Overseas Chinese Affairs Office in Shenzhen has offered to host on a no-cost basis (except air fare) 15 teenage children of members, on a cultural programme in August 2008.

Chinese Cemetery: The CBA has undertaken the reconstruction of the Chinese Cemetery as a fit and lasting memorial to our ancestors. The front wall of over 1,000 ft, together with an ornate Chinese entranceway, has been completed at a cost of $8.5 million.

Work continues on the second phase, which involves rebuilding the perimeter wall that will enclose the 11.5 acres on completion, at a targeted cost of $7 million. Additional corporate donations

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Wilson Look Kin returned as President for 2008

At the Annual General Meeting of the Chinese Benevolent Association held Sunday, 28th October 2007, at the CBA Centre, Wilson Look Kin was unanimously returned as President for a second consecutive term, commencing January 2008.

During the election process chaired by David Chang, the following officers were duly selected:

President:	Wilson Look Kin
Vice President:	Robert Lee
Secretary:	Cynthia Lyew
Treasurer:	Ventry Foo

Nine Other Committee Members:

Maisie Lau
Sandy Chung
Patrick Chin
Neil Yap Sam
Lloyd Hoo
Phyllis Kong
Karen Hugh Sam Lee
David Chuck
Sharon Wang

Reserve Members:

Laura Chang
Paula Lee
Eldores Yap

Supervisory Board:

Vincent J. Chang
David Chang
Johnny Chuck
Dalton Yap
Tommy Lyew
Busta Hoo (Reserve)

The new CBA team of officers will be sworn in on Sunday, 6th January 2008.

Some of the 2007 Committee Members shown at the swearing in ceremony in January 2007.

L-R: Johnny Chuck, Brenda Lee, Maisie Lau, Cynthia Lyew, David Chang, Ventry Foo

2007 Outgoing Officers

L-R Front: Neil Yap Sam, Sandy Chung, Wilson Look Kin, Cynthia Lyew, Ventry Foo. *L-R Back*: David Chang, Robert Lee, Phyllis Kong, Maisie Lau, Brenda Lee, Lloyd Hoo, Johnny Chuck, Ann Marie Chen, Karen Hugh Sam Lee, Afen Yap, Vincent J. Chang.

At the Annual General Meeting Sunday 28th October 2007 at the CBA Centre

CBA recognizes Professor Anthony Chen

In recognition of the lifetime work of Professor Anthony Chen and his contribution as a member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), whose teamwork has culminated in the Award of the Nobel Peace Prize 2007, the CBA hosted a banquet in his honour on Sunday, 25th November 2007 at the Shang Hai Restaurant in Liguanea.

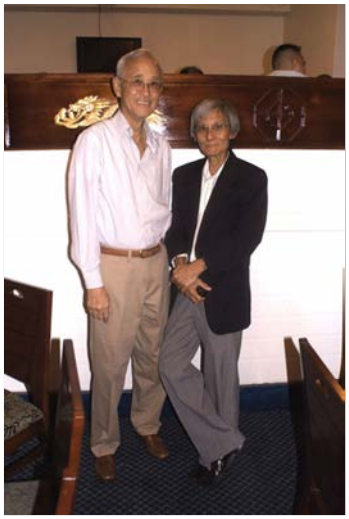
In his welcome address, CBA President Wilson Look Kin noted that Professor Anthony Chen is the first Jamaican and of Chinese descent to be deemed a "Nobel Laureate". Anthony is the grandson of Hakka Chinese immigrants Chen Fung Ling and Irene Lee Chen who emigrated to Jamaica 'to seek a better life'. These migrants inculcated into Anthony's parents, Harold and Muriel Chen, the life disciplines of frugality, hard work and family, handed down to the next generation. Anthony has been married to Rheta for 40 years and their family comprises Marcia, Gail and Norman. Rheta's supportive role together with that of their children has been instrumental in his achievements.

Following the President's opening remarks, a Citation was read by Dr. Ronnie Young, Dean - Faculty of Pure & Applied Sciences at UWI Mona and close colleague of Anthony Chen, after which presentation of the 'CBA Lifetime Achievement Award' was made by the President to Professor Anthony Chen. Anthony's reply included an inspirational quotation from Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu, over 2,000 years ago. The vote of thanks was given by CBA Elder Jimmy Lowe and M.C. for the evening was CBA Vice President Sandy Chung.

L-R: M.C. Sandy Chung, Professor Ronald Young, Madam Xiao Linhua, Professor Anthony Chen, CBA President Wilson Look Kin, Ambassador Chen Jinghua of the PROC.

"What we must do is see the whole world as our "self". Only then will we be worthy of being entrusted with the world (earth). Only one who values the world as his own body can truly rely on the world in return"

~ Lao Tzu



Butch Hendrickson chairs EXIM Bank

Gary "Butch" Hendrickson was installed as Chairman of the National Export-Import Bank of Jamaica, along with a new board of directors, at its annual general meeting held December 3, 2007.

The EXIM Bank is a government institution that provides trade financing, medium term loans and export credit insurance to the productive sector.

We endorse and encourage more community member involvement in the management of the nation's business, and commend Butch for agreeing to undertake this tremendous task.

Professor Anthony Chen shares in ...

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clones as well as key processes and skill of models in simulating present climate.

Interestingly, the assessment of projected climate change for the Small Islands regions indicates, among other findings, that:

- Sea levels are likely to continue to rise during the century around the Caribbean, Indian Ocean and North and South Pacific Oceans. The rise will not be geographically uniform because large deviations among the models make regional estimates among Caribbean, Indian and Pacific oceans uncertain.

- All Caribbean, Indian and Pacific islands are very likely to warm during this century. The warming is likely to be somewhat smaller than the global annual mean.

- Summer rainfall in the Caribbean is likely to decrease in the vicinity of the Greater Antilles (Cuba, Jamaica, Hispaniola, Puerto Rico) but changes elsewhere and in the winter are uncertain.

Transition

CBA News notes with regret the passing of former member of the CBA, **Mrs. Joyce Thelma Wong Chew Onn:** Late of 6 Tavistock Heights, passed away Sunday, November 18, 2007, leaving husband Sammy, son Andrew, daughter-in-law Rose, grandchildren Keri and Kyle, sisters Daphne and Una, brother Lloyd, other relatives and friends. Funeral Service was held November 28, 2007 at the Stella Maris Church, 62 Shortwood Road at 10:00 a.m. Interment in the Dovecot Memorial Gardens.

The CBA takes this opportunity to extend sincere condolences to CBA Past Vice President Sammy Wong Chew Onn and the family.

Grandchildren Kyle and Keri Wong Chew Onn at the podium.

Kyle and his Dad, Andrew, lead the procession out of the church.

Ernest Hoo receives Governor General Achievement Award 2007

Businessman and philanthropist Ernest Hoo is a recent recipient of the Governor-General Achievement Award 2007, in recognition of his selfless efforts in the county of Middlesex.

Ernest Hoo, a justice of the peace, has spent his lifetime working to enhance the lives of people in his community and to build a better Jamaica. Mr. Hoo has served as chairman of the board of the Spanish Town, May Pen and Lionel Town hospitals. He has contributed significantly to the parish of St. Catherine, especially Spanish Town and its environs. He donated medical equipment to and upgraded the physical facilities at the Spanish Town Hospital. In addition, he donated equipment to the Spanish Town Police Station. Mr. Hoo is recognised as an exemplary citizen worthy of the award for the parish of St. Catherine.

The Governor-General Achievement Award has been presented for the past 16 years. Four men and one woman from the county of Middlesex, including Ernest Hoo, were this year honoured for their sterling contribution to their individual parishes, in a ceremony held November 2007 at King's House – the official residence of Governor-General Sir Kenneth Hall.

CBA volunteers prepared dinner for Garden Party celebration of China National Day October 2007

Organizing Committee Chairperson Neil Yap Sam

CBA opened its doors for the celebration of the 58th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, to a large gathering eager to join in the festivities

The working committee's efforts resulted in rave reviews in the food department

China National Day Reception hosted by the Chinese Embassy

Other attractions and entertainment at the CBA Garden Party

Secretary's Report 2007

Cynthia Lyew

There were 11 regular meetings and an extraordinary one to discuss the approval of funds for our Outreach programme, presented by Sandy Chung. The Outreach programme covers scholarships to schools, adoption of a basic school, use of the CBA Centre by other benevolent organisations, the Chinese Home for the Aged, and the upkeep of the Chinese Cemetery.

Funds for our Outreach programme were realised mainly from our Garden Parties, which took place on February 18 with a fashion show co-ordinated by Marcia Harford under the chairmanship of Johnny Chuck, and on September 30 with a concert co-ordinated by Maisie Lau under the chairmanship of Neil Yap Sam.

For the comradeship of the Chinese community, our social nights on Saturdays at the CBA Centre, organized by Brenda Lee, are very popular with a secure playing field for the children, while the adults enjoy karaoke and table games, and with a light meal provided by Lloyd and Pearline Hoo. In addition, Karen Hoo arranged a Family Fun Day to Somerset Falls, which was enjoyed by all who went on the all-day tour on September 9.

For the wider community, badminton is played every weekday evening in the hall, and the very popular CBA Badminton Tournament was organized by Robert Lee in June. Chinese classes in Mandarin are also available in the evenings and on Saturdays.

Gah San for the remembrance of the dead was organized by David Chang and Vincent J. Chang and was held on April 9.

And to keep the members updated on our activities, Phyllis Kong prepared and edited three quarterly editions of "CBA News" printed for the year - this being the fourth.

Robert Lee has been very busy rebuilding the front wall of the Chinese Cemetery and restoring our National Heritage site, the Chinese Temple on Barry Street, which was severely damaged by Hurricane Dean.

The President, Wilson Look Kin, has also been very busy working on the transfer of titles of properties to the CBA, and arranging meetings with the Chinese business community and the relevant authorities on labour relations and security matters in the workplace. He also arranged for a delegation from the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the Shenzhen Municipal People's Government to be taken on tour of Ocho Rios and had a dinner for them. And only recently, he spearheaded an appreciation dinner for fellow CBA member, Professor Anthony Chen, recognized by the Nobel Peace Prize Committee for his contribution to the IPCC's work on global warming.

Our Treasurer Ventry Foo ensured that we were within our budget, considering the number of projects we had undertaken during the year.

In all, it has been a very busy year for our Executive and Supervisory members and their spouses who contributed much time and effort to making our activities a success. But the greatest thrill for me is to see the community gathered on social nights, knowing that our efforts have not been in vain.

- Cynthia Lyew, Secretary

President's Report

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are being sought and fund raising activities are being implemented.

The **Downtown Taoist Temple** building is being refurbished to preserve and protect the altar and associated artifacts, which are aspects of our inherited culture and built heritage.

Programmes have been formulated to nurture and enhance aspects of our **culture** in the areas of dance, music, cuisine and await implementation.

Spring Festival: We held a very successful Spring Festival garden party to mark the Year of the Golden Pig with a multifaceted cultural theme, which showcased in song and dance the talents of our members and their friends. Special thanks to Johnny Chuck and Marcia Harford.

We followed this with our garden party celebrations to observe **China National Day** on September 30, to mark the 58th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. All food preparation and cooking was undertaken by the membership team under Neil Yap Sam and resulted in greater camaraderie being fostered.

Legacy issues of Property

37 Russell Heights: All legal issues have been settled to have the property registered in the name of the CBA. It is further proposed to have the Home for the Aged relocated here.

132 Barry Street: Building plans have been resubmitted and all required approvals have now been received for the construction of a three-shop building. Financing and construction method is being determined and this investment project is very viable.

18 Trinidad Terrace: In 1969 this property was purchased for the benefit of the Chinese community, being proceeds from sale of Chung San Beach and was held in trust by three trustees. This property was later vested in the name of Sun Yat Sen Benevolent Society .

By purported resolution on July 3, 1993, steps were taken to transfer this property and other assets of Sun Yat Sen Benevolent Society to the Anglican Diocese. Numerous efforts using moral suasion to all concerned parties left the issue unresolved.

In February of this year, the CBA by special resolution financed and spearheaded the effort to recover this property by first causing the resuscitation of the long dormant Sun Yat Sen Benevolent Society, comprising 23 members of the CBA and then instituting legal action to prevent any group from laying claim to this property.

18 Trinidad Terrace has now been returned to the Chinese community together with $10.5 million, which will be used for projects as befits our community. Special thanks are due to Mr David Chang and team who have refused over the years to let this injustice die, and to our attorney Mr Seyon Hanson of Livingstone Alexander & Levy.

The CBA can be justifiably proud of their course of action taken.

Port Antonio – Bound brook: This property has been willed to the CBA in 1997 by the former Port Antonio Athletic Group under Mr. James Lowe, and all legal steps are being undertaken to have this property formally vested in the name of the CBA.

As the formal term of office for 2007 comes to an end, My sincerest thanks and appreciation are due to Executive members who contributed their time and talent, and we look to the new Executive to nurture this – our work in progress.

- Wilson Look Kin, President

Varieties of Chineseness

To quote Wang Gungwu, overseas Chinese ethnic awareness "may be simple or superficial; it may also be deliberate, even assertive." A simple starting point for understanding Chineseness is to separate out this awareness into three interrelated levels. At the primary level of everyday life, Chineseness is lived out in the family milieu and expressed in ordinary habits, attitudes, idioms and gestures that are rooted in Chinese traditions transmitted over time. Hence, even when third-generation overseas Chinese families begin to lose a strong hold of the language, their sense of being Chinese may be sustained in varying degrees by everyday mores. Chineseness is alive and well when it is taken for granted and woven into the fabric of everyday life. This is particularly true of family life, a private sphere that can be relatively unaffected by the larger, non-Chinese environment, even as Chinese adapt or assimilate to the latter.

However, to say that the sense of being Chinese may be sustained in "varying degrees" begs a question: At what bottom degree does one move from being Chinese to being 'unChinese'? To ask that question is to shift the issue of identity to another level. People are often described as being 'more' Chinese than others, or 'less'. One who feels himself 'less' Chinese than others, or even 'unChinese', is often led to the 'search for roots'. Chineseness, at this level, is no longer taken for granted but is considered a *personal* problem which, unless some solution can be found for it, puts one at risk of having an incomplete or incoherent sense of self.

That quest for a meaningful sense of self, however, frequently occurs in a larger social context in which individual identity is not merely a personal matter. At this third level, the question of identify is tied to what has been called 'the politics of recognition' or 'politics of difference'. In modern political systems, the principle of the equality of citizens has generated the demand for public recognition of the particular identities of diverse minority groups, groups which believe themselves oppressed by non-recognition of mis-recognition - that is, by prevailing distorted or negative public perceptions. In such a situation, identity becomes a kind of social resource. As such, and feeling itself threatened or suppressed, Chineseness (or non-Chineseness) becomes all the more purposefully maintained, defended, displayed and asserted.

"Overseas Chinese ethnic awareness may be simple or superficial; it may also be deliberate, even assertive."

It is not clear, however, that in the 'politics of difference', the difference that is demanding to be recognized is necessarily a cultural one. Cultures - whose forms include language, religion, institutions, beliefs, practices and so on - are what people think of themselves as being part of, so when overseas Chinese identify themselves as Chinese, it is must be supposed that it is to Chinese culture that they think of themselves as belonging. Yet, if one asks some overseas Chinese what marks them off from people belonging to other cultures, it is not obviously their possession of, or familiarity with, the Chinese language, Chinese beliefs, history and all the rest of it. Thus, a claim of identity is not always a claim of culture. And to conflate identity with cultural content obscures rather than illuminates our understanding of 'Chineseness'.

Excerpt: Chinese Overseas (1999)

David Chang

The time is NOW – to be a part of HISTORY!

Just looking back, I can count at least 14 long years that I have been actively helping to upgrade the conditions in the Chinese Cemetery, looking up records, finding the actual locations of the graves, helping to restore them on request; and during Gah San each year, helping to organize the bushing and, on the day of Gah San, helping to direct members of the Chinese community to the graves of their loved ones.

Some people have had bad experiences at the Chinese Cemetery in years long gone, and many had heard of stories passed on to them about people being held up at the Cemetery up to the early eighties. Those who migrated went abroad with the awful memories and pain that they were fearful to go there to pay respect to their loved ones. The flashes of such dreadful memories rooted in their minds and with the passage of time, the distance apart, all worked together powerfully to dilute one of the noblest characters of our Chinese culture – that we are forever bonded to the love of our ancestors and our families.

We have taken back our Cemetery many years ago. We worked tirelessly and had great hope with our understanding that our Chinese character cannot be beaten. Despite others' concerns, we continued to assist anyone who wished to visit the resting place of their loved ones at the Chinese Cemetery.

The effort to raise funds to restore the Cemetery has been an up hill task and, against all the odds, the Committee has completed the entire front wall and the gates. These were done, despite the lack of funds, just to demonstrate that we would prevail. Now we are just creeping along, working on the walls on the left side and, stubbornly, the rest of what is needed will be done to make a lasting success.

It is not in me to hustle for contributions as I felt it was the duty of every Chinese who had family members buried there, and I am still of the firm belief that we Chinese live the culture we preached. I have all along left the so-called "dirty work" to the fundraising volunteers, who had to endure the negative response and accept being turned down.

After the long rainy months, the Chinese Cemetery is a real jungle like I have never seen before. But when Gah San comes and the place is cleared, it will be a peaceful sanctuary again. So don't let that dampen your spirit when you hear about it; we just don't want to spend the hard-earned money to keep it cleared during the year because nothing will change for the better if we are not prepared to put our money together to enclose the perimeter walls.

Many persons have shown appreciation for the help they received, they were touched with the spirit when they came to the Cemetery. We got many compliments about the work we have done; some people promised they would donate money when the time comes.

Thanks to those generous and caring persons who have already contributed meaningfully to the Restoration Project. We know that many more will join in with their hearts and cash to complete the task. But **the time is now** when we need your contributions most.

The work cannot be dragged on for too long as it is already attracting too many job-seekers and speculators. **We need to complete the project swiftly**. We won't be in this thing forever but what we can accomplish now will set the foundation for the maintenance programme that will last for a long time.

I now join the Fundraising Committee with the "hard part of the task", to urge members of the Chinese Community to **come on board now** and **send us your contributions**. Your encouragement have been properly noted, and we would like to let you know that we are ready for your monetary support.

Please send us your cheque payable to the CHINESE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION or contact me personally 906-7011-3 and we will arrange to have it picked up. As some people asked, "How much should I give?" Well, based on the calculations to sustain the maintenance programme, about $20,000 more or less per family, and all the love and respect your heart holds for those departed!

- David Chang

Restoration of the Chinese Cemetery – Phase 2

After a break of about three months at the end of Phase 1, Phase 2 of the Cemetery Restoration began in earnest about 6 weeks ago. As a reminder, Phase 2 entails the repairs/new walling to the remainder of the surrounding walls - all 3,000 ft. of it. Work began on the south side of the walling and, to date, about 500 ft. of walling has been restored, including razor barbed wiring on top of the walls.

As the work proceeds, it is now becoming apparent that a tremendous amount of preparatory work is required to repair the walls. Huge trees have to be felled; in fact, all trees, shrubs, debris, garbage, etc. adjacent to the walls have to be completely removed and cleared away before work can even commence on the walls. No easy task.

The Cemetery Restoration Committee will be working feverishly to complete the entire Phase 2 in time for next year's Gah San in early April. It requires not only hard work but, of course, FUNDS as well. Just as the Chinese community here and abroad responded positively to our plea for assistance to do Phase 1, we have every confidence that others will come to our aid to do Phase 2 and even Phase 3, which is the complete internal landscaping of the cemetery.

All donations will be gladly accepted, however small, whether in the form of cash or kind (materials). Help us to make the Chinese Cemetery a final resting place that (a) our ancestors and forefathers would have been proud of, and (b) our present generation can hold their heads up high and proudly say, "This is OUR cemetery!".

- Robert Lee, Chairperson

CBA Annual Yearbook 2008

Once again, the CBA will be publishing its Annual Yearbook 2008 for Chinese New Year, which will be released at the annual garden party celebration on Sunday February 10, 2008. We ask Advertisers to place their ads in this publication for exposure to the Jamaican Chinese community and to the community at large. At the same time, advertising sponsorship goes a far way in sustaining our 116-year old institution – the CBA – in the work it does for the community and in keeping alive our Chinese heritage.

For further information about placement of ads, please contact CBA 977-3059 or David Chang 906-7011-3.

CULTURE CORNER

Chinese Philosopher Quotations

"By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; Second, by imitation, which is easiest; and Third, by experience, which is the bitterest."

- *Confucius*

"The snow goose need not bathe to make itself white. Neither need you do anything but be yourself."

- *Laozi*

A leader is best when people barely know he exists, not so good when people obey and acclaim him, worst when they despise him. But of a good leader, who talks little, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say, "We did this ourselves."

- *Laozi*

Ordinary and Extraordinary

All people have both ordinary and extraordinary characteristics.

Those who manifest their extraordinary characteristics such as scientists, artists or philosophers work to pass on their knowledge or creations to ordinary people in order they can realize their own extraordinary characteristics.

Ordinary and extraordinary people all live and work in the same world and each person should be able to find his/her talents from ordinary life.

Wilson Look Kin and Mickey Lyn test the walker and wheelchair donated by Mickey to the **Chinese Home for the Aged**

Late News

We regret to advise the passing of **Albert (Allie) Lyn** (Lyn Bakers & General Supplies) on December 8, 2007, leaving wife Peggy and family in Toronto, 11 siblings (predeceased by 4 siblings) and many other relatives overseas and in Jamaica. Allie was the brother of CBA Past Executive Mickey Lyn, Danny (Cherrie), Sue Len (Aubrey Yee Sang), Neville (Arlene) in Jamaica, and the late Patsy Lyn. Our sincere condolences to the Lyn family.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday February 10, 2008

CBA Garden Party Celebrating

Chinese New Year of the Rat

at the CBA Centre

Gates open at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday April 6, 2008

Gah San

at the Chinese Cemetery

Gates open from

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Ceremony at 11:00 a.m.

Security will be provided

ALL CBA MEMBERS

You are cordially invited to our

Annual Christmas Party

to be held on
Sunday, December 16, 2007
at the CBA Centre from
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
(Dinner will be served from
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Come and see SANTA
Lots of games, prizes and surprises

FREE for paid up members & their children
Guests of members - $200.00/person

Wishing You a Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year