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2015纽约客家会议

THE NEW YORK HAKKA CONFERENCE 2015

By Dr. Keith Lowe

Not long after attending the fourth Toronto Hakka Conference in 2012 and finding her deceased grandfather and his numerous descendants and forefathers in China, Paula Williams Madison (Lowe Xiao Na), born in Harlem, New York, to a Chinese-Jamaican mother, felt a call to hold a similar conference in New York.

In Toronto, she had also found me, co-founder in 2000 of the Toronto Hakka Conference (THC), who happened to be, as she was, a member of the 23rd generation of the Lowe clan of Crane Lake Village, Fuiyung County. Naturally, she wanted me to assist her with the first New York Hakka Conference (NYHC). With the help of local Hakka devotees and members of the Lowe family, the inaugural NYHC was successfully staged on the third weekend of October, 2015.

While the bulk of the Hakka in Toronto migrated there from Jamaica and other regions in the sixties, seventies and eighties, the Chinese from Jamaica had migrated to New York since the forties and fifties as full or part Chinese without recognizing or acknowledging they were Hakka. They had not associated with the Chinese/Hakka from other regions in or outside of the Caribbean. The goals of the NYHC therefore were firstly to take the Jamaican/Caribbean Chinese back to their roots so that they could reclaim their Hakka culture, and secondly to show the older and newer Hakka of New York how to share a common goal of building a global culture for all kinds of people.

While the second goal remains far from being achieved, we established a base for doing so by securing a partnership with New York University's Asian Pacific American A/P/A Institute headed by Professor John Kuo Wei Chen. He had been invited by Hakka professor Anne-Marie Lee-Loy in 2009 to be the closing speaker at a conference on shopkeeping culture at Ryerson University, Toronto; I was the opening speaker. Professor Tchen connected Paula and myself to the Museum of the Chinese in America, located in Chinatown; he was the co-founder of this highly regarded museum located in Chinatown, New York.

The reception to the Conference was held at the Museum on Friday night, while the lectures, panels and films were held at New York University near Washington Square. These

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At the Conference are L-R: *Caribbean Food Delights CEO & President Vincent Ho Sang; Gary Hendrickson; Vincent Chang; Dalton Yap and Dr. Keith Lowe*

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From the Editor 编者的话

It's that special time of year which celebrates family and friends and where better to begin than with the selection of articles we have prepared for you!

It is the season for rejuvenation and so we congratulate the newly elected Management Committee 2015/2016 which took office at the Annual General Meeting in November. We convey best wishes to second-term President Damian Chin as he and his team face the challenges of the New Year.

Our taste buds were excited this quarter by the Robert Lee-directed Suey Mein Night, and to top it off deliciously, a great Cooking Class for Lopet Ban guided by Joyce Wong, who we are always pleased to welcome from Toronto. Better yet, the proceeds went towards the Chinese Cemetery Restoration Project which continues its excellent work.

We're especially pleased to include in this edition, a prestigious award to the late Byron Lee from the Hakka Community in New York.

Also, a conversation I had with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth and Enid Hugh was a joy as they recounted great stories of a time long past but which still provides remarkable memories of their journey through life.

We also recognise former Rhodes Scholar Robert Hew whose induction to the Campion College Hall of Fame was a source of much celebration for his family and friends who attended the event, where the award was received by Robert with humility. Congratulations, Robert!

Next, Professor Anthony Chen delivered an excellent lecture on Climate Change at the Chinese Cultural Association, one of our related associations, which is a much-debated topic in many circles and which makes for interesting reading.

Do remember that we're encouraging our members to receive the digital copy of the newsletter by email instead of the hard copy. If you haven't given us your email address yet, or if you haven't yet indicated a preference for the digital copy, please do so at earliest, as we try to go green.

We have much more coming up so we hope you will enjoy all that's in store for our final edition of CBA News for 2015.

As always, let us have your feedback and suggestions on how we can improve your CBA News.

Happy holidays!

Xiexie!

Nicole (Nicky) Hoo Fatt, Editor

我们的执监委员会新班子– 2015年11月至2016

OUR NEW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TEAM - NOVEMBER 2015/2016

On Sunday November 8, 2015 our newly composed Management Committee team was elected (and for some, re-elected) by more than the required quorum of 50 members who attended the CBA Annual General Meeting at the CBA Centre.

The Executive Officers are as follows:

1. President – Damian Chin
2. Vice President – Michael Ho Sue
3. Secretary – Anna Young
4. Treasurer – Robert Hew

The other Management Committee members are:

1. Paul Anthony Tai
2. William Chong
3. Lloyd Hoo
4. Neil Yap Sam
5. Thomas Chin
6. Yvonne Chin
7. Nicole Hoo Fatt
8. Pamela Chang
9. Gregory Hugh Sam

Reserve Members are:

1. Paula Lee
2. Kristalle Chin
3. Yanique Lee
4. Sophie Guo

Members of the Supervisory Board are:

1. Dalton Yap
2. Vincent Chang
3. Robert Lee
4. Thomas Lyew
5. Lucille Jones

Reserve Members of the Supervisory Board are:

1. Dr. Neville Ying
2. Wilson Look Kin
3. Phyllis Kong

We congratulate all members who have been called to serve the CBA and look forward to working with them to further the mandate and traditions of the CBA community.

Mr. David Chang and Robert Hew in discussion at the AGM 2015

President Damian Chin delivers his report accompanied by Vice President Michael Ho Sue and Secretary Anna Young

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一位绅士与学者 - 我们自己的
ROBERT HEW

OUR VERY OWN ROBERT HEW – A GENTLEMAN AND A SCHOLAR

Campion College, one of the most prestigious and successful high schools, both within Jamaica and the Caribbean region, was alive with nostalgia as they celebrated two of their graduates - Mr. Robert Hew and Dr. Yolande Chan – who were both inducted to the Campion College Hall of Fame.

It was a very special evening on Thursday November 19th for our very own Robert Hew as he and his many outstanding accomplishments were honoured with the turnout of a capacity crowd of Campionites, in the Ballroom of The Jamaica Pegasus Hotel.

Many of the attendees were in awe when they heard the citation written for Robert. Joined by his family and friends, Robert's achievements were recounted and humbly received.

Here is a brief profile as presented at the event:

Robert holds a BA in Jurisprudence from Magdalen College, Oxford University; an MBA from Harvard Business School; and a Bachelor's of Civil Law as well as an MA from Magdalen College, Oxford University.

After spending 5 years with the Boston Consulting Group, he co-founded and was Chief Financial Officer of Icon International, a pioneering barter finance company.

Robert and his partners grew the business that focused on the media, hospitality, travel, real estate and liquidation industries for over a decade, until it was sold to a large media conglomerate that is listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Our incumbent Treasurer has served the Chinese Benevolent Association as a Member of the Management Committee and was recently elected to serve as Treasurer for 2015/2016. He also serves on the Chinese Cemetery Restoration Project Sub-Committee.

He was Campion College Head Boy from 1974 to 1975; a Jamaica Scholar in 1975 and a Rhodes Scholar in 1980. Robert was the first Campion student to ever win this prestigious award, which has opened doors for future generations of Rhodes Scholars from Campion College.

Our warmest congratulations to him and his family on his formidable accomplishments.

Robert and family - L-R Brian, Nellie, Robert, Jennifer and Peter Hew

Kristalle Chin works on the details at the voting desk

Mr. Tommy Leyew and Mrs. Gloria Palomino listen keenly in the audience

Former Management Committee Treasurer Thomas Chin addresses the audience

Mr. David Chang and Yvonne Chin are all ready for the AGM

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Chang join CBA colleagues at the AGM

Mr. Lloyd Hoo in deep discussion while Mr. Tommy Leyew, Mrs. Cynthia Leyew and Mr. Wilson Look Kin await the start of the AGM

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一次与独特的一对夫妻的交谈

A CONVERSATION WITH AN EXTRAORDINARY COUPLE

It was a beautiful Saturday morning on November 14th when I set off to meet with one of the most endearing couples I have ever met, Mr. Kenneth Hugh and his wonderful wife Mrs. Enid Hugh.

I was welcomed into their home and immediately got started on what was to be an excellent interview, not because they are the most senior members of the Chinese Benevolent Association, but because they represent an era in this island which is now a distant memory, but still valuable to those who seek to discover their origins and family history.

I had actually first met Mr. Hugh several years ago at one of our Annual General Meetings, at which time he had told me that he had been a friend of my now deceased grandfather, William Hoo Fatt who had had a small shop in the district of Woodford, in the hilly countryside of rural St. Andrew. Apparently, Mr. Hugh used to attend social events at Barry Street with William in tow, no doubt to enjoy the fellowship and camaraderie of their community.

It was not until Sunday November 8th at our 2015 Annual General Meeting that I again saw Mr. and Mrs. Hugh, who turned out in fine form to participate in the annual proceedings.

A former Vice-President of Chee Kung Tong, Mr. Hugh is now 99 years old and Mrs. Hugh is a dynamic 91 years old.

Born on February 18, 1916 Mr. Hugh was instrumental in the care and leadership of the Chinese Home for the Aged.

Every Saturday, he would cook breakfast at the Home for the residents and during one of the planning meetings, he originated the idea for a Dental Clinic as well as the idea for having a visitors' book at the Home.

Mr. Hugh was born in Fanling, China while Mrs. Hugh hails from the parish of Clarendon. With a very significant milestone birthday coming up so soon, Mr. Hugh says he is not quite sure how he will celebrate his century landmark birthday. Regarding Mrs. Hugh, she indicated that a surprise party had been organised for her 91st birthday, which was celebrated at Carter Hall, Holy Cross Church, at which venue their multi-talented great-grandson Justin played the steel pan.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth and Enid Hugh at the CBA Annual General Meeting on November 8.

Married in 1948, for their 60th wedding anniversary the Hughs had an exceptional experience. They were recognised by the then Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI with a citation which reads as follows:

Pope Benedict XVI "imparts the requested Apostolic Blessing to Kenneth Anthony Hugh and Enid Amelia Theresa Hugh on the occasion of their 60th Anniversary of marriage as a pledge of heavenly favours" – which was presented at the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Kingston, Jamaica on August 1, 2008.

The family tree is blessed. Mr. Hugh's father – Yau Yuk Hung, had 2 sons: Dennis Hugh and Kenneth Hugh, and also had 2 brothers: Yau Ni Fatt and Yau Sam Fatt. Mr. Hugh's father owned a business which was eventually taken over by his son Yau Sam Fatt. The family continued the tradition of sending children back to learn Chinese language and culture; and 3 of the family's children were sent to Hong Kong for this purpose.

Interestingly enough, Mr. Hugh's father was a Chinese doctor, specialising in traditional Chinese medicine.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh have two children – daughter Elaine and son Kenneth Anthony, Jr., also known as "Karl", who now resides in Canada. They have been blessed with 3 grandchildren – Roger, Oliver and Melissa and in turn, they also have 8 great-grandchildren – Michael, Jordan, Justin, Jessica, Amanda, Tyler, Lila and Christian; with a ninth great-grandchild on the way in February 2016.

Although they no longer drive, Mrs. Hugh attends Mass at Holy Cross Church on Saturdays, where she is a member of the Catholic Women's League. Her advice to young people is that they "have to believe in God", and she says her rosary, reads the Bible and prays for others by way of Novenas.

Mrs. Hugh still works alongside her daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. David and Elaine Chang at Sugar & Spice and with a twinkle in her eye, says she is looking forward to retirement.

It was a privilege to speak with this extraordinary couple and hope that they will continue to be blessed with a loving family and long life.

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水面之夜 – 好味道的美食
SUEY MEIN NIGHT – DELICIOUS DINING

Our tireless Robert Lee scored another success on Saturday evening October 31 when he led his team for another rendition of the annual Suey Mein Night at the CBA Centre.

Everyone agreed that their suey mein dinner tasted delicious as CBA members and their families and friends enjoyed the evening immensely.

At the event, emcee Marcia Harford welcomed Mr. Raymond Lee of the very new Chinese Association of Antigua, a friend of Neil Yap Sam who came to Kingston especially to see how the event was organised so that he and his colleagues from the Antiguan Chinese community can host similar events.

Incidentally, we will next be visited by Mr. Lee in February 2016, at which time he will observe and learn how we plan our annual Spring Garden Party for Chinese New Year.

Importantly, while the meal was being enjoyed, there was excellent music presented by DJ Stan Wong, who was in town with his wife Joyce Wong (Robert's sister of The Family and Friends Committee, Toronto) who were visiting from Canada. Mr. Wong is now famous in the community for his fantastic collection of vintage music from the 1950s and 1960s, and has entertained on several occasions at the Dinner Dances hosted in Toronto by the community, in aid of the Chinese Cemetery Restoration Project.

Similarly, the proceeds from Suey Mein Night 2015 will go towards the continuation of the Cemetery Restoration.

Special thanks to Doreen Chin who ensured that all patrons of the evening were welcomed at the entrance and that ticket sales were steadily incoming.

Thank you's also go out to all the servers and other volunteers who helped to make the event a success.

A satisfied winner - I'm taking my prize home!

Willie Chong, Raymond Lee and President Damian Chin join forces at Suey Mein Night

Our guests from Toronto - DJ Stan and Joyce Wong

Set Yoon and Maria from Stella Maris deliver great steel pan sounds!

An aerial view of the CBA Centre as family and friends dine on Suey Mein Night

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烹饪班 – 可口的萝卜板
COOKING CLASS – DELICIOUS LOPET BAN

It is a rare thing when a great idea also turns out to be a delicious idea!

However, so it was on Saturday November 14 in the CBA kitchen when a quite good turnout of seasoned as well as aspiring cooks came to experience an enjoyable cooking class for the Lopet Ban delicacy, led by Mrs. Joyce Wong from Markham in Toronto, Canada (who is also the sister of our Robert Lee).

Proceeds from the cooking class will go towards the Chinese Cemetery Restoration Project.

Joyce was fully equipped to teach everyone how to prepare the delicacy, and asked all participants well beforehand to take along a peeler, grater, kneading board, rolling pin, apron and steamer; all necessary equipment to get the ball rolling.

Joyce had pre-prepared the filling (lopet) at home, so the method to master was how to get the dough ready, and how to fold the small circles of flattened dough.

To the eye, the Lopet Ban looks like a mini sow bow, the difference being that the filling (lopet) consists of shrimp, chopped scallion and seasoning.

If we have whet your appetite and if you are eager to try this at home, here is the recipe, which was circulated to everyone at the cooking class, compliments of Joyce Wong:

Lopet Ban Recipe – makes about 24 – 30

STEAMED LOPET
5 pounds of lopet – peeled and shredded. Steam in a pot until soft enough to eat, about 45 minutes.

a. 1 ½ packs of dry shrimps, soaked about 10 minutes. Then drain. Set aside.
b. 1 bunch of scallion – separate the white part from the green, then chop. Set aside 3 – 4 pegs of mashed garlic
c. Salt and black pepper to taste.

a. In a frying pan or wok, add about 1 – 2 tablespoons of oil and heat
b. Add mashed garlic, white chopped scallion and dry shrimps
c. Stir a few minutes, then add the steamed lopet
d. Add salt and black pepper to taste, and stir all together until well mixed

OPTIONAL
You can use pork or fresh shrimps, or a combination.

DOUGH
Mix together the following and stir well in a stainless steel bowl:

a. 1 pack or 4 cups Glutinous Rice Flour
b. 2 cups all purpose flour
c. 2 cups plus 5 tablespoons of hot, boiling water
d. 1 tablespoon of oil

a. Slowly add boiling water and oil, leaving about 3 table spoons of the water for last until you see how hard the dough is. **Dough should be pliable.**
b. Knead dough until all the flour is used up.
c. Roll out and make two rolls. Cut each roll into 10 – 12 pieces.
d. Roll each piece into a round shape, add lopet filling, and place on aluminium paper.
e. Preheat the steamer with water until it starts to boil. Steam for 25-30 minutes.

Then enjoy!

As everyone listens, Joyce shows how it's done.

Adding to the ingredients

Rolling pins to prepare the dough for the pan

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Ready for the steamer.

Lucille Jones and Marcia Harford complete the delicacy

Marcia Foo makes sure it's the right amount for the batch

THE NEW YORK HAKKA CONFERENCE 2015

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two prestigious locations in the heart of lower Manhattan are a strong platform from which we can continue our educational work in future years.

The Reception featured a new film on the music of Byron Lee. Presentation of a walking Buddha statue was made to his daughter Julianne Lee by Sabrina Ho Sang of Caribbean Food Delights and by Kecia Chin of VP Records. It was an exciting party in a very historic venue.

The conference sessions -- films, panels, lectures -- were held on Saturday and Sunday at New York University in lower Manhattan near Washington Square. The opening address was given by Joseph Tsang Mang Kin, a former Minister of Culture in Mauritius. Some sessions covered Hakka experience in China, and other sessions dealt with Hakka in the diaspora.

Successes in business were emphasized by the participation in various ways of two flagship Chinese-Jamaican companies in New York, namely, Caribbean Food Delights, the biggest patty maker in the USA, and VP Records, the world's largest distributor of Jamaican music. Wayne Chen spoke via Skype at a panel of Chinese-Jamaican producers and performers led by Randy Chin, president of VP Records. Directors of Jamaican conglomerates, Gary (Butch) Hendrickson and Vincent Chang generously volunteered to speak on their family companies, along with civic leader and entrepeneur Dalton Yap, with commentary by writer Alexandra Lee.

The program of the Conference shows a complete list of presentations made in New York. Notable are the presentations by Robert Hew, showing how graves can be found in the cemetery and their villages of origin identified; and by Easton Lee, whose poems depicted serious advice from China-born fathers to Jamaican-born offspring and humourous exchanges between shopkeepers and customers in colonial times.

After many insights, recognitions and even tears, the conference was adjourned with Paula's call for every one in the big family to reconvene at the fifth Toronto Hakka Conference, July 1-3, 2016. See the website at www.torontohakkaconference.com.

And in the long run, further Hakka conferences will be generated in selected cities of the Americas.

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客家华人骄傲BYRON LEE – 牙买加的龙

HAKKA CHINESE HAIL BYRON LEE – JAMAICA'S DRAGON

Written by Vinette K. Pryce, of "Caribbean Life", October 25 2015

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The late Byron Lee on guitar

Reportedly, there are 800 million Hakka-Chinese descendants from China residing all over the world.

But until last Friday, there has not been a single Hakka Caribbean national to receive the coveted Walking Buddha Achievement Award.

The late Byron Aloysius St. Elmo Lee, a Jamaican musician popularly known as Byron Lee changed that by his pioneering effort in promoting his island's ska, rock steady and reggae music and for introducing carnival revelry to Jamaica in 1990.

Accepted by his daughter Julianne, the carved, jade-colored, miniature Buddha represents the spirit of the migratory Hakkas and symbolically reward the pioneering and enterprising tradition many have maintained since their ancestors left the mainland.

"My father was a great man," Julianne said as her voice broke as if fraught with sadness and joy.

She explained how the musician visited New York in 1966 when the Jamaican flag was hoisted among others that lined Sixth Ave's Avenue of the Americas.

Born in a small Manchester town called Christiana, at age eight or nine, his family moved to Kingston where he honed his skill becoming a musician and soon after was dubbed The Dragon.

A short biographical documentary hinted at Lee's earlier arrival to the 1964 World's Fair in Flushing, Queens and in the process, provided video accounts of his emergence in 1957 from Kingston's Glass Bucket Club bandleader of the Dragonaires, to appearing in the Ian Fleming Sean Connery blockbuster, "Dr. No," the very first James Bond film.

"The high point of my life was to be in the first James Bond film," Lee reportedly said in an interview. "I am proud of that because all the young people who watch the James Bond series can remember seeing us; it goes on forever, and the parents will tell their son or daughter, 'I danced to that band.'"

The short feature also ascribed Lee's beginning years when he taught himself to play the bass on a homemade instrument.

Lee's friend and associate Carl Brady explained that around 1950, Lee formed the Dragonaires — named after the St. George's College football team which they both played for.

Brady joked that Lee's instrument only had one string but many will attest that mento, the music of the genre could be well executed on such an instrument.

His band turned professional in 1956 and went on to become one of Jamaica's leading ska bands.

Toots Hibbert, leader of the Maytals, lauded Lee's production skills recounting how the musical genius advised him to repeat a progression many more times on a song he had recorded.

Chris Chin, Producer & CEO of VP Records, the label founded by his father Vincent Chin and mother Pat Chin; here with his mom.

The song he said was "5446" and after singing "give it to me to me one time, he told me to say two times, three times …"

Needless to say, the song became a hit for the group.

Similarly Trinidad's Mighty Sparrow talked at length about his collaboration on an album – "Sparrow Meets The Dragon" which yielded soca and calypso hits.

According to Wikipedia: "Lee also became the head of distribution in Jamaica for Atlantic Records. He purchased the West Indies Records Limited (WIRL) recording studios after fire had destroyed the pressing plant on the same site, and renamed it Dynamic Sounds."

"It soon became one of the best-equipped studios in the Caribbean, attracting both local and international recording artistes, including Paul Simon and The Rolling Stones.

Lee died Nov. 4, 2008 of cancer at age 73.

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曾教授谈及气候变化

PROFESSOR CHEN SPEAKS ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Professor Anthony Chen, a member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which shared the Nobel Peace Prize with Al Gore in 2007, and current President of the Chinese Cultural Association, delivered an excellent presentation titled: "Lao Tsu's Prescription for Climate Change" at the CCA on Tuesday, October 27.

The CCA membership turned out in good numbers to listen and to learn, as Professor Chen described at length the similarities between a sick person who needs a physician, and nature's global ecosystem, now facing the realities of climate change impacts. Such impacts include rising temperatures and sea levels, disappearing habitats for certain species of animals and extreme weather conditions like severe snow storms, floods, fires and droughts.

After making the above comparison, Professor Chen spoke of Lao Tsu, a sixth century B.C. Chinese philosopher and contemporary of Confucius, Plato, Socrates and the Buddha, who was the Keeper of the Imperial Archives, and who was from Luoyang, Henan, China and who was known throughout the land for his wisdom.

Tired of the many wars of his time, Lao Tsu decided to leave Luoyang and created the Tao Te Ching, a short book of 83 verses. This book is brief enough to read in one afternoon, however, its precepts would take a lifetime to master and it is known as one of the wisest books ever written. The original Tao Te Ching was written on bamboo strips and on silk, as paper had not yet been invented (600 B.C.)

The word "Tao" is translated as "the Way" with over 300 translations in many different languages.

The connection to climate change? Scientists have discovered that too much carbon dioxide and other gases which radiate from the earth and back to space are blocked by above normal levels of greenhouse gases (GHGs) in the atmosphere. Essentially, the planet is unable "to breathe properly". These GHGs absorb radiation and send some back to Earth, making the earth warmer.

Professor Anthony Chen

If we are to treat the world as we treat ourselves, then it is time for the Earth "to go to the doctor".

At the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), various working groups with some 300 scientists have written on climate change. (Professor Chen belonged to Working Group 1). The general scientific assessment is that it is "extremely likely that human influence has been the dominant cause of the observed warming since the mid-20th century."

The risks are many. Significantly, the risk is associated with a unique and threatened ecosystem, for example coral reefs and biodiversity where the habitat of certain animals can no longer support fish and other sea life.

Given large scale irreversible impacts, scientists say that "climate change will alter ocean bacteria crucial to the food chain."

Other risks are associated with the distribution of the climate change impacts, for example, affecting the poor who cannot afford to adapt and who are therefore disproportionately affected.

There are two aspects to addressing the climate change challenge – adaptation and mitigation. Adaptation to climate change is possible, but this approach only treats the "symptoms", not the causes. The mitigation of climate change by removing greenhouse gases caused by fossil fuels (coal, oil and gas), is necessary to get rid of those causes; that is, treating the cause and curing the illness.

The world, including Jamaica, needs to start putting in place all mitigation strategies from now. This is what the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Congress of Parties (COP) meeting in November 2015 was all about.

To address the problem, scientists summarise that the temperature rise should be limited to two degrees above pre-industrial levels. Renewable sources of energy are also being considered, including solar, wind, hydropower and geothermal sources. The limitations of these alternative energy sources is that while they are technically feasible, some are still costly to implement.

Whatever happens, we must have near total mitigation (cessation of fossil fuel) to save the planet as we know it.

According to Lao Tsu, "Only One who values the World as his own body can truly rely on the World in return."

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音乐巡回
ON THE MUSIC CIRCUIT

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The Banks of The Rio Grande is fast becoming the place to be on a Sunday afternoon in Portland. The venue, located at the renowned tourist attraction, Rafters' Rest, provides the ideal ambience for many activities. Patrons can take the option of enjoying a ride on a raft with one of the experienced raftsmen, then spend the afternoon relaxing with a cool beer or dancing up a storm to the music that is provided.

Sunday, December 13th kicked off the season with a good vibe as EarthKry Band performed for the first in the series of Portie Live events.

The evening kicked off at 6 p.m., with the sounds of the Portland-based band, Riddim Bank band, led by Donnie Chin.

Donnie is a cousin of our Willie Chong and operates C.C. Bakery in Port Antonio. He is also an electronic engineer and has travelled and worked across the Caribbean.

Donnie is no stranger to music, having begun playing with bands starting with The Invaders in high school, which also performed at public events. In 1971, the band entered the Jamaica Music Festival and won the Merit award in that year.

In Miami, he performed with a number of bands and soon regrouped with a band called the Mighty Vikings at the Marriott Hotel in Miami, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Jamaica's independence, which was the band's last booking.

In 2001, Donnie performed with Mikey Chung and with Willie Ching on drums for the Chinese New Year Spring Garden Party at the CBA, and continues to have strong connections with the music circuit.

Donnie, we wish you all the best!

The Mighty Vikings perform with enthusiasm

Donnie Chin in the midst of his colleague musicians

Take it from the top! - The Invaders band in high school

Donnie Chin with his band members and guitar

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为活动新置胶椅
NEW CHAIRS FOR EVENTS AND MORE

A new batch of chairs has been purchased for the CBA Centre to replenish those which have been lost from damage, when used by the various rental events which take place from time to time at the Centre.

Formerly, when new chairs have been bought, each one would require the "CBA" name to be attached by hand. Now, the CBA name is attached by electronic branding which helps to save a great deal of time.

A big thank you goes out to Neil Yap Sam for taking on this task, which is not easy as the chairs are numerous and the CBA name has to be clearly visible.

Everyone who rents the CBA Centre is advised to take care that the chairs are kept in good condition, so as to keep maintenance and replacement costs as low as possible.

Thanks also go out to our Administration Manager Doreen Chin who was instrumental in making sure that our stock of chairs is kept in good order.

Thank you Neil and Doreen!

Neil Yap Sam electronically identifies the new chairs for the CBA Centre with the CBA name

HAKKA CHINESE HAIL BYRON LEE – JAMAICA'S DRAGON

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Prior to his passing , the government of Jamaica awarded him the nation's gratitude with two of the highest honors, the Order of Distinction — as well as the Order of Jamaica in 2008.

However, recently his life-long contribution to Jamaica's music industry and 50-year career as the Dragon, the bandleader, producer, studio owner, and Jamaican musical icon was also rewarded posthumously, here at the Museum of Chinese in America.

The prestigious honor also marked the launch of the first Hakka Conference in New York City.

"Hakkas are descendants of Central and Northern China and are sometimes called the Jews of Asia for their mass migration and pioneering spirit. Today the majority of Hakka live in Guangdong."

This premiere event in New York City is the first of its kind to be held in the U.S.A.

There is a quadrennial Hakka conference held in Toronto, Canada.

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TRANSITIONS

The CBA regrets to advise the passing of the following members of our community and extends our deepest condolences to their families:

MR. BARRINGTON TREVOR CHONG

A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Mr. Barrington Trevor Chong (August 4, 1934 to October 15, 2015) was held at the Dovecot Memorial Chapel on Sunday, October 25, 2015. Pall Bearers were Mr. Barrington Young, Mr. Adrian Goldsmith, Mr. Damian Chong, Mr. Paul Cheung, Mr. Kevin Cheung and Mr. Phillip Zhang.

The Officiating Minister was Reverend Father Alfred Lee Sang. Interment took place at the Dovecot Memorial Park.

MRS. DETHA TAI

Mrs. Tai was born on September 10, 1927 and passed away on November 9, 2015.

The Thanksgiving Service to celebrate her life was held on November 21st at the Holy Family Catholic Church in North Miami, Florida.

Interment took place at the Chinese Cemetery in Kingston on November 28th.

May her soul rest in peace