

CONVENTION

The World Yee Family Association 5th Convention 2012



Similarly, this year, it had been hoped to include delegates from Indonesia, except that last-minute visa difficulties occluded that possibility.

Convention Events

The 5th World Convention formally only met for a single session on August 5, Sunday to conduct its business, as is customary in past Conventions. However, this was held simultaneously with sessions for a World Yee Youth Conference and a World Yee Entrepreneurs Conference, both for the first time at a World Yee Convention. These were followed by the 16th National Convention of the Canada Yee Family Associations on the subsequent Monday and Tuesday.

The World Yee Youth Conference aimed to establish a World Yee Youth component by offering a first-ever program with a Forum on August 5th, at which University of British Columbia Professor Henry Yu and Provincial Judge Bill Yee introduced aspects of immigration and historical roots for Chinese presence in Canada to 26 youth delegates and their supporters.

Similarly, and simultaneously, a World Yee Entrepreneurs component was organized by Albert Yu with sessions on business networking and immigration opportunities in British Columbia.

Naturally, the 5th World Convention opened with obligatory lion dancing and fireworks to assure a propitious course, opening ceremonies and welcoming speeches, photography and banquets as well as courtesy visits to the Mah Society (which hosted a dinner for delegates and guests

Introduction

The World Yee Family Association founded in November 2000 when the 1st World Convention was held in Hong Kong. At this 5th World Convention, Mr. Johnson Yee, the founding chairman, was able to be present.

Convention Attendance

This 5th World Convention met in Vancouver, British Columbia at the Hotel at River Rock beginning with arrivals on Saturday, August 4th. More than 100 delegates and guests came on this occasion, representing the United States, Canada, Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines, Singapore, Macau, and Hong Kong with observers from Guangzhou and Kaiping in Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China.

At the present time, although there are 5 and perhaps more functioning groups of Yee kinsmen on Taiwan, Republic of China, and the lack of an agreement among them to designate a national headquarters organization has delayed any representation being properly established according to the current membership criteria of the Association.

on August 6) and the Tse Clansmen – families which have had four centuries of friendly relations with Yees, right down to currently close relations between the 3 organizations in Vancouver.

Convention Reports & Decisions

As a relatively new entity, the World Convention continued to review and update the Association constitution and bylaws, while updating the Executive Committee membership, electing new officers, and determining the site for the upcoming 6th World Convention. Minutes have not generally been recorded formally at any World Yee meetings to be ratified at a subsequent one.

The Association is very interested in recruiting new member organizations, and in expanding the role of overseas Chinese in the helping our kin in the PRC. However, it is not receptive to formalizing new initiatives such as legally registering the Association in a jurisdiction such

as the SAR of Hong Kong, or in granting the World Yee Youth Committee formal status within the World Yee Family Association.

The Association is proud to have sponsored the World Yee website and passing a motion to form the World Yee Web Committee at the 2004 Convention in Hong Kong. There is usually a call for a report from the World Yee Web Committee. On this occasion, the World Yee Website Committee, chaired by David M. Yee of Phoenix, Arizona, USA, was able to present a Chairman's Report (2009-12) as well as a Committee Treasurer's Report (2004-12).

Mr. Kan Yu, 5th World Yee Association Chairman will be succeeded by Mr. U Wachi, of Macau, which was chosen to be the site of the 6th World Convention.

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