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East Meets West Cuisine & Entertainment for 1600+ Guests & 330+ Volunteers Synergies Merge at Dragon Ball 2005

February 5, 2005 (TORONTO) – Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation today is holding its signature event, Dragon Ball 2005, at Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building, to welcome the Chinese New Year of the Rooster. Over the last 15 years, Dragon Ball has raised nearly \$12 million for Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation. The goal of Dragon Ball 2005 is to raise \$1.5 million to support a continuum of culturally appropriate services ranging from active senior programs, to medical and rehabilitation services, to cancer and palliative care.

“We are honoured to have TD Bank Financial Group as the Presenting, Grand Reception, Opening Ceremony and Entertainment sponsor of Dragon Ball 2005, the same year in which TD is celebrating its 150th Anniversary. At Dragon Ball 2005, I will proudly present an A+ report card about Yee Hong’s progress,” said Dr. Joseph Wong, Chair, Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care and Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation.

Grand Reception will feature food and beverages from Chinese, Indian, Japanese, Malaysian, Thai and Vietnamese cuisine, prepared by different catering sponsors as well as Yee Hong centre chefs. Demonstrations will also be performed to showcase the Chinese Peking Duck, Malaysian Teh-Tarik and Japanese sushi.

As the gala hall doors open, guests will enter a world of east meets west entertainment, featuring Canadian legend Jeff Healey and his Jazz Wizards. Special guest performer, George Gao, will also play jazz with his erhu, an ancient bowed, two-stringed Chinese instrument. As guests are enjoying a program of speeches, jazz music, traditional dance performances, lucky draws, video greetings and prize presentations, they are also savoring a four-course dinner of multicultural dishes.

Presented to June Callwood, Companion of Order of Canada, for her exceptional humanitarian success will be Yee Hong’s Golden Achievement Award and a sign of a street named after her. After dinner, guests will dance away to Latin jazz magic of Ritmo Azul, while enjoying desserts and delicacies of the Midnight Fantasy Buffet.

Established in October 1994, Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care is a charitable organization that provides a comprehensive range of culturally appropriate services to seniors. Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation raises all necessary funds to support the facilities, services and programs of the four centres in Scarborough, Markham and Mississauga.

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