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Celebrate the Chinese New Year in style at Dragon Ball 2009

(TORONTO) – On Saturday, January 24, 1,200 guests will gather at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre South Building for the largest Chinese New Year celebration of its kind – the annual Dragon Ball, a benefit gala for the Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care. Highlights of the event were announced today at the Metrogate Presentation Centre of Tridel Corporation, the gala’s Presenting Sponsor.

“Over the past 20 years, Dragon Ball has become one of the most anticipated events in the city, attended by corporate executives, community and political leaders, and those who simply enjoy a fabulous party.” Said Dr. Joseph Wong, Founder and Chair of Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation.

The organizing committee, led by Co-Chairs Jim Ritchie and Flora Chong, has been planning for this gala for over seven months. “This is our 20th anniversary gala and we want to make sure our patrons can enjoy a most memorable evening,” said Jim Ritchie, Tridel’s Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing.

The highlights of the evening will include:

- A grand reception, sponsored by RBC Financial Group, offers many different types of appetizers including fresh oysters and clams, sushi, Washugyu beef, Peking duck, suckling pig and dim sum, and also features a Martini Bar;
- Close to 200 one-of-a kind silent auction items;
- A live auction that showcases a Hermès “Tandem” Timepiece with 40 diamonds and a luxurious “Best of China Tour for Four” donated by Tour East Holidays;
- The entertainment, courtesy of TD Canada Trust Music, will feature a 20-piece orchestra (The Canadian Sinfonietta), a 40-member youth choir (Young Singers), a lion dance involving ten lions (Sunny Tang Performance Troupe) and renowned Canadian tenors (Destino);
- A grand raffle draw with a brand new 2009 Lexus I250 as the grand prize;
- The dinner menu consists of a delectable *Double-Boiled Bouillabaisse Soup*, *Red Tuna Sashimi Salad with Beet Dressing* designed by Chef G.Q. Pan of Blowfish Restaurant & Sake Bar, the most tender *Roasted Marinated Duck Breast* with lotus leaf-wrapped rice, and a special dessert designed by Dufflet Pastries.

“This is not only a great party but the net proceeds will help support programs and services for seniors at Yee Hong Centre,” said Flora Chong, a member of the Yee Hong Foundation Board. Yee Hong is currently serving 15,000 seniors and their families across the GTA each year.

Tickets are available at \$400 for a regular ticket and \$500 for a patron ticket. For more information, please visit www.yeehong.com.

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