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Calgary, AB-ACCT (Action Chinese Canadians Together) Foundation and ACT2endracism renew commitments of allyship and solidarity on National Indigenous Peoples Day.

In recognition of the 2nd anniversary of the grim discovery of 215 unmarked grave sites on Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation, ACCT renewed its commitment to reconciliation as set out in the 94 calls to action by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

We have also witnessed many other communities' pain after more discoveries of unmarked graves at former residential school sites across Canada. Each finding is a reminder of the abuse inflicted on Indigenous children and their families. Each trauma speaks of the ongoing pain because of colonialism both past and present.

ACCT Founder, Teresa Woo-Paw, added, "Our thoughts are with all Indigenous Peoples who have and continue to be impacted by ongoing trauma and tragedy. We acknowledge and understand the importance of uncovering truth to comprehend the continued impact of residential schools fully. Our upcoming 'Aspire to Lead' summit will encourage participants to examine their role in relation to others and how we can all build stronger communities through resilience and social cohesion."

ACCT's first in-person summit in three years takes place in October 2022 in Toronto. ACCT brings together Chinese leaders to build capacity and increase representation. ACT2endracism is a coalition of more than fifty Asian community organizations working to support Canadians affected by racism sparked by the pandemic.

We know racism is entrenched in Canada's history and in the present-day and we acknowledge it is hurting all Canadians, whether they recognize it or not. We commit to fighting racism in all its forms for our collective well-being to dismantle systemic racism on National Indigenous Peoples Day and every day. We take this opportunity to learn and celebrate the history and culture of First Nations, Inuit, and Metis peoples.

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