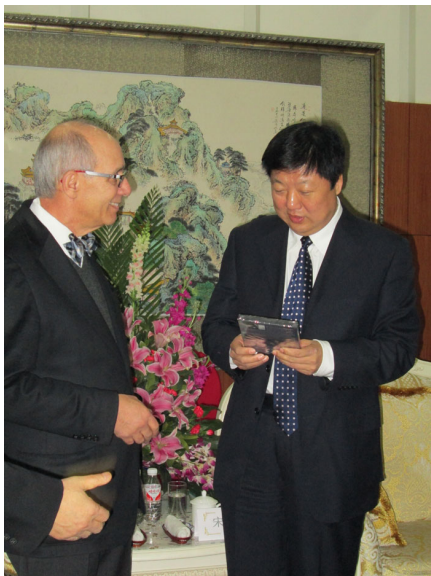


## Mayor Mandel presents Edmonton-made film to Chinese dignitaries— January 2013

***LOST YEARS: A People's Struggle for Justice*** is a documentary that was directed by Kenda Gee and Tom Radford of Edmonton. The film premiered on December 5, 2011 at the Guangzhou International Documentary Film Festival, where it won the *Best Documentary Award* for History and Culture. The film has also been shown as a two part television mini-series for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Gee and Radford began work on the film in late 1999, taking twelve years to fully research the movie.

***LOST YEARS*** is an epic documentary touching upon 150 years of the Chinese diaspora in Canada, USA, New Zealand and Australia, covering four generations of racism as revealed through the journey and family story of Kenda Gee. Kenda, a Chinese Canadian, travels with his father to China to retrace the steps of his great-grandfather, exactly a century ago, and grandfather, who sailed to Canada in the summer of 1921. For thousands of Chinese immigrants that year, it was a journey of hope that turned into a nightmare when they were confronted with racism and the head tax, depriving them of their rights as citizens.

Mayor Stephen Mandel presented the made-in-Edmonton epic film documentary ***LOST YEARS*** to Chinese dignitaries during his visit to China.



Left image: Mayor Stephen Mandel presenting a copy of ***LOST YEARS*** to Harbin Mayor Song Xibin, January 5, 2013



Right image: Mayor Stephen Mandel presenting a copy of ***LOST YEARS*** to Mr. Jiang Kun, Secretary General of the China Literature and Art Foundation in Beijing, January 7, 2013

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***LOST YEARS*** DVDs with Chinese and French subtitles can be ordered online at: [www.lostyears.ca](http://www.lostyears.ca)