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LOST YEARS PRESENTS EPIC JOURNEY OF 150 YEARS ON CBC TV IN ALBERTA & SASKATCHEWAN

EDMONTON / **REGINA**–CBC TV in Alberta and Saskatchewan will premiere LOST YEARS, an epic 2-part documentary mini series, this weekend on Saturday, August 20, 2011 at 7 p.m., as part of their Prime-time Summer Series.

LOST YEARS traces 150 years of the Chinese diaspora from the earliest exodus of Chinese migrants abroad, much of it marked by racism, to the modern-day redress movements to acknowledge a hidden past. It follows the journey of filmmaker Kenda Gee and his father back to their ancestral village in Taishan, China.

The mini series, written, directed, and produced by Kenda Gee and Tom Radford, was shot on location throughout China, Canada, the United States, New Zealand, and Australia, examining the great historical, economic and political realities of several eras. Based on over 12 years of research by Gee and Radford, initially through the National Film Board, the documentary has been two years in the making.

The documentary features a dramatic soundtrack composed by Darren Fung, a former Edmontonian now based in Los Angeles, whose prior works include arranging Canada's hockey anthem for CTV's TSN and Bell Media's score during Vancouver's 2010 Winter Olympic Games, in addition to major Hollywood features. The stunning images were captured by award-winning cinematographer Rene Jean Collins, and edited by Brenda Terning who has distinguished herself most recently with consecutive awards as best editor from the AMPIA.

Episode 1, The Loh Wah Kiu - features Vancouver media personality Hanson Lau and former RCAF officer Gim Wong, as well as Larry Kwong of Calgary, who became the first player of colour in the National Hockey League. The episode also looks at the folklore that has become a tourist attraction at the Tunnels of Moose Jaw in Saskatchewan, Canada.

Episode 2, Jook Sing – looks at the transformation of the Chinese community in Canada from the 1950s to present day, through the eyes of Emmy Mah, one of the first Chinese nurses in western Canada, and Normie Kwong, the former Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta and national sports icon. The episode concludes with the modern-day movement in Canada and around the world to acknowledge the injustices of the past, including interviews with the major leaders in Montreal and Edmonton.

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