

Edmonton filmmaker explores Chinese-Canadian immigrant experience

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Kenda Gee and Tom Radford, producers of Lost Years.

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EDMONTON - A two-part documentary about the Chinese-Canadian experience, told through the personal family history of Edmonton filmmaker Kenda Gee, will air this weekend and next on CBC.

Lost Years, the Virtual Journey of Kenda Gee interweaves the tale of three generations of Gee's family, from his great-grandfather's arrival in Canada 101 years ago to an examination of the larger Chinese immigrant experience. Gee, co-producer Tom Radford and Gee's 78-year-old father travelled to China earlier this year to visit the family's home village.

Filming also took place in Edmonton, Montreal and Ottawa.

Gee, who grew up in Edmonton and is still based here, has said that while the film illustrates his family's tale, it should resonate with many Chinese-Canadians who will see their own family's experiences reflected in the story.

The first part of the documentary will air Saturday at 7 p.m. on CBC. Part 2 will air the following

Saturday, Aug. 27, also at 7 p.m.

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