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Public Service Announcement

DR. SUN YAT- SEN CLASSICAL CHINESE GARDEN CELEBRATES ITS 30th ANNIVERSARY

On Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 2pm to 4:30pm at the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden, 578 Carrall Street, dignitaries, donors, historians and Garden members will celebrate thirty years since this venerable Vancouver organization opened its doors.

Thirty years ago, fifty-three craftsmen from Suzhou, China came to Vancouver, along with over 950 crates of material and built by hand the very first classical Chinese garden outside of China. It opened to the public on April 23, 1986, just in time for Expo '86.

"We are very excited to be celebrating thirty years of sharing beauty, knowledge and Chinese culture through this landmark. We are fortunate to have this opportunity to thank the many contributors to the creation and ongoing success of the Garden. We look forward to celebrating the Garden's strong foundation in the community and its positive impact on people near and far," says Matthew Halverson, incoming President of the Garden's Board of Trustees.

To acknowledge the vital part the Garden plays in the community, the City of Vancouver has proclaimed April 23 as Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden Day.

There is a rich and complex history of significant cultural and historical activities on the site of the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden and Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Park, which are the origins of Vancouver's Chinatown. Over the years train stations, playgrounds, bus depots, roads and gas stations have occupied this important slice of Chinatown, now home to the Garden which National Geographic named World's Top City Garden in 2012.

The April 23, 2016 celebration will see a mix of founding and new supporters alongside dignitaries such as Cecilia Point, a member of the Musqueam Indian Band, Sarah Kirby-Yung, Chair of Vancouver Park Board, MP Jenny Kwan as well as Senator Pat Carney, Tian Ni, Deputy Consul General of the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China, Andrea Reimer, Deputy Mayor Councillor, and many other guests.

The invited guests will all receive a new edition of "In a Chinese Garden", a book exploring the Garden's origins and its symbolic meanings.

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