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in memoriam

When **David Chuenyan Lai** died on June 15, Canada lost an outstanding citizen who had been a role model to colleagues, civic leaders and ordinary citizens. Through his example, Lai encouraged us all to have the courage to take risks in striving to enrich and improve the lives of all Canadians.

Lai was, among other things, professor emeritus of geography and adjunct professor of Pacific and Asian studies at UVic.

Throughout his life, he was a well-known promoter of multiculturalism and an explorer of the early Chinese community history in BC.

Confronted with overt discrimination when he first came to Victoria in 1968, Lai went on to distinguish himself as a renowned expert on the history of Chinese Canadians, the development of Canadian Chinatowns and ethnic groups in BC.

Joining scholarly work with community engagement, he demonstrated outstanding vision in preserving the history and culture of Chinese Canadians and more than 40 Chinatowns across Canada. He was awarded the Order of Canada, the Gabrielle Léger Award of the Heritage Canada Foundation, the Heritage Award of the BC government, and was made an honorary citizen of the City of Victoria.

Lai was born in 1937 in Hong Kong. He received his PhD from the London School of Economics, accepting a teaching position in geography at UVic in 1968. Conducting research and writing about Victoria's Chinatown quickly became his lifelong passion.

Lai's 1979 report on Victoria's Chinatown led to the City of Victoria's initiative

Are you protected against 4 types of Meningococcal Disease?

What you should know about meningococcal disease

- Meningococcus is a family of germs (bacteria) that can cause meningitis, which is an infection of the surface of the brain.
- Meningitis is rare, but it can be life-threatening or lead to permanent disability.
- Common groups of meningococcus that can cause disease are A, B, C, W and Y.

Who should get vaccinated?

Healthy adults up to 40 years of age, who have not previously received any meningococcal vaccine, to participate in a research study.

What you will receive

- 2 visits and 3 follow-up phone calls
- 2 blood draws
- 1 vaccination
- participants will receive either a licensed or investigational Men ACWY vaccine

Other benefits

Reimbursement for your out-of-pocket expenses related to the study, such as travel and parking.

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