

December 15, 2020

INVITATION FROM MAYOR FRANK SCARPITTI

I am pleased to announce that the City of Markham and the Hakka Canadian Association have successfully won the rights to host the 31st World Hakka Conference in October 2021, marking the first time this prestigious conference will be held in North America. Hosting this global conference will strengthen the social, cultural and economic prosperity of our city and region, reinforce our position as a global community, and further enhance our ties as global citizens.

As Canada's most diverse community, we are proud to be home to many diverse groups that contribute to the vibrancy of our social mosaic. Nearly 60 percent of our residents speak a first language other than English and 77.9 percent of our residents identify themselves as a visible minority. The Conference will be held over 3 days, providing a unique opportunity for Markham to showcase our city's strong diversity, as well as the rich history and beautiful customs of the Hakka people, garnering international exposure to the Hakka culture.

As the Mayor of Markham, I would like to cordially invite you to join us for the 31st World Hakka Conference in October 2021. The City of Markham is proud to host this prestigious conference and we look forward to welcoming you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Frank Scarpitti'.

Frank Scarpitti
Mayor

