



**Press Release  
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We are pleased to announce that the National Assembly of Quebec has decided, on May 30<sup>th</sup> 2018, to acknowledge the month of May as the Asian Heritage Month.

M. Amir Khadir-deputy of Mercier- and M. David Heurtel -Minister of Immigration, Diversity and Inclusiveness and the deputies of Marie-Victorin, Deux-Montagnes, Vachon, and Gaspé- has presented the following motion; “The month of May is the Asian Heritage Month. [The National Assembly] recognizes the influence of the citizens from Asian origins and their contribution to cultural, social, and economic prosperity of Quebec”. This motion has been adopted right away.

The Asian Heritage Month has been created to recognize the contribution of the Asian communities, from every generation, in the growth and prosperity of the country.

Since May 1995, Festival Accès Asie has been creating events in the city of Montreal to celebrate the heritage and the Canadian with Asian origins. It was thanks to Dr. Vivienne Poy, who was Senator at the time, that the Senate passed the motion in 2002 declaring the month of May as the Asian Month Heritage.

In 2004, the City of Montreal declare the month of May as Asian Heritage Month, thanks to a proposal by Ms. Helen Fotopulos, Mayor of the Plateau Mont-Royal arrondissement (2002-2009) and responsible, at the Montreal Executive Committee, for Mont-Royal Park and the Status of Women.

The Festival Accès Asie is proud that all levels of power in Canada recognize the contribution of Asian communities in its territory and, as a result, encourage its citizens to learn about the different cultures that inhabit Asia.