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CIAC2024 to unveil in Singapore featuring Agri-food innovation and Climate solution strategies

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The Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada (APF Canada) and Universities Canada are launching second annual **Canada-in-Asia Conference** in Singapore from February 26-29, 2024.

The Canada-in-Asia Conferences event (CIAC2024) will focus on two thematic areas: **Agri-food** (Feb. 26-27) and **Climate Solutions** (Feb. 27-29). CIAC2024 will convene experts, investors, policy-makers, researchers, business leaders, and innovators from across Asia and Canada to exchange perspectives, knowledge, and ideas and to create collaborative partnerships in these two critical sectors.

The 4 day conference program will provide networking and inter-disciplinary discussion on some of the most pressing issues in Canada-Asia co-operation, trade, and investment in the agriculture and climate spaces.

CIAC2024: Agri-food will expose key leaders in Asia to Canadian thinking and capabilities in agriculture and agri-food and explore critical issues around food security, sustainability, and technological collaboration, with leaders in the field from Canada and Asia sharing experiences and perspectives.

CIAC2024: Climate Solutions will convene Asia-based and Canada-based private sector, government, university, and other leaders to connect and learn from each other's priorities and experiences in climate policy, climate technologies, climate research, and climate finance.

Venture into Sustainability (ViS) is a complementary component of CIAC2024 presented by APF Canada in collaboration with Anchor Asia (Anchor Taiwan) and supported by the Women Entrepreneurship Strategy of the Government of Canada. This invitation-only session will feature a curated delegation of Asian and Canadian investors, select Canadian technology startups, government officials from Canada and Asia, and accelerators/incubators in the region's innovation ecosystem.

CIAC2024 also features the annual **Canada-in-Asia Conferences Gala Dinner** on the evening of February 27, alongside activities organized by participating universities and organizations with their respective communities. The keynote speaker at the Dinner will be Ms. Grace Fu, Singapore's Minister for Sustainability and the Environment and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations.

Jeff Nankivell, President and CEO, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada said "CIAC2024 is one-of-a-kind event for Canadian businesses and institutions and their peers from across dynamic Asia. With our focus this year on climate solutions and agri-food, identified as priority sectors by our CIAC participants following last year's event, I look forward to a robust exchange of perspectives, knowledge, and ideas as we forge collaborative and lasting partnerships and seize upon opportunities for deepened engagement in these two critical sectors, and beyond."

The Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada is dedicated to strengthening ties between Canada and Asia with a focus on expanding economic relations through trade, investment and innovation; promoting Canada's expertise in offering solutions to Asia's climate change, energy, food security and natural resource management challenges; building Asia skills and competencies among Canadians, including young Canadians; and, improving Canadians' general understanding of Asia and its growing global influence.