



黃明亮

Lenny Wong

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四十多年前以難民身份踏足加拿大國土，由最基層的勞力工作起步，再憑努力與毅力闖開一番事業，創立了業務遍全球的“大洋海產有限公司”，並熱心參與扶助僑胞和社區。黃明亮的成就和貢獻不單獲多項殊榮——如安省好公民榮譽勳章和英女皇白金紀念勳章等等的表揚；他如何衝破身份、階級與環境的限制，達成理想，也成為加國移民的成功寫照。

談起自己的出身，黃明亮從不感到尷尬或迴避小時候經歷的辛酸；年僅12歲便要從戰亂中的柬埔寨逃亡，流落他鄉，成為無國籍難民…對他而言，很多細節和時序都記憶猶新，何況往昔走過的路，讓他不忘箇中學到的人生道理，也更會掌握今天，為自己和社會打造更美的將來。

黃明亮是生於柬埔寨的第三代華僑，祖籍潮州，來自一個生意世家，他笑說自己承繼了祖父和父親的遺傳基因，天生一副生意頭腦，自小已立志要從商，可是生不逢時，遭逢1975年柬埔寨史上最殘酷的“紅色高棉大屠殺”，逃亡潮把他帶到越南，繼而以難民身份前往法國，到十幾歲時已嘗過戰亂、飢荒、還有在異鄉遭受歧視的滋味。然而，苦難和困難都難不倒他，也沒有使他放棄追求人生的理想。

一心接受命運 一手創造命運

1980年，18歲的他獲批以難民身份移民加拿大，一家人落戶在利載拿（Regina），帶來另一個轉機。6個月以後，他隻身移居多倫多，希望尋找到更好的工作，再幫家人安頓下來。

回想初來步到，由於從小失學，只懂得小時跟美國教師學到的簡單英語和法語對話。他自然希望重新續學，甚至升讀大學，無奈生活所逼，必須張羅生計，加上身為長子，不得不腳踏實地幹活。

以他當時的學歷和背景，唯一技能就是一雙手和一身力氣，先後當過送貨、送外賣，餐館等工作，有些日子還同時打三份工，生活就只有休息、工作再工作，無緣跟一般20出頭的年輕人一樣活躍社交生活、參加派對、享受青春。

然而，他心中早已認定了人生目標，也不忘自小從商的志願，不想一生作勞動階層，是以一直等待機會。與其說是等待，不如說是締造機遇，尋找機會，一方面努力建立自己的人際網絡和信用，同時也勤於自學自修、收集資源、節儉儲蓄。

那段克己勤奮的日子，為他奠下成功基礎。他領會到做人處世和成功之道：既要克己，也要待人以寬，不怕吃虧，也不要斤斤計較，但須要有底線有原則。此外，還要有恆心、決心、毅力、堅持、投入、不輕言放棄、不怕挫折、貫徹始終。此外，還要有計劃、做好準備。這聽來似乎都是老生常談，卻也知易行難，要真正做到，才稱得上是傳奇。而黃明亮正是以

身體力行實踐成功之道，譜出他的人生傳奇。

1983年，他抓住一個契機開創自己的生意。當時他仍在餐館打工，得知一些海產的來價甚高，他開始物色一些質優價廉的供應商，並找到一間在美國南部的公司，於是親身前往當地與該公司面洽，當時積蓄不多，只可坐十多小時灰狗長途巴士，也許正是這份誠意打動對方，黃明亮終於取得代理權，並成立了自己的公司“大洋海產”。雖然起步時只是一人公司，加上萬事起頭難，要面對各種問題，但他一直堅持下去，循序漸進建立事業。今時今日，公司已發展成全加拿大最大的冷凍海鮮公司之一，經營海鮮養殖源頭、生產、加工、以致配送，並在世界各地建立了加工廠、供應商和商業夥伴等組成的龐大產銷網絡。

毋忘共濟 援人之急

自創立了自己的事業以後，黃明亮一直不忘助人，尤其關心華人社區的需要。他說沒有受到甚麼偉人啟發，而是感到自己與生俱來有一個使命去幫助別人，即使不是大富大貴，也樂於分享所有，加上早年的經歷，以及在加國眼見華人遭受某些歧視和不公對待，有感要為社區伸出援手，作為他的社會責任。

回看他參與的社區項目，最初是從自己的同鄉社群開始，多年來他一直是安省潮州會館的活躍成員，而且當了十多年會

長，現任永遠名譽會長。該會不但以發揚中華文化、團結鄉親、服務社羣為首要宗旨，更宣揚潮州人傳統敢於拼搏、慷慨好義的精神，並曾多次發動鄉親捐助慈善機構，幫助世界各地的救災工作。此外，也是首個華人社團在安省設立獎學金制度。

黃明亮目前參與的機構計有十個多，包括加拿大安省越棉寮華人協會（永遠名譽會長）、加拿大惠仁會（永遠名譽會長）、多倫多香港獅子會（2019-21年會長）、大多倫多中華文化中心（名譽顧問）、多倫多史維會（名譽顧問）、頤康基金會（名譽顧問）、孟嘗會（榮譽董事會成員）、協群社會服務中心（基金會董事），多倫多警務華人諮詢委員會（委員）。

2022年7月，柬埔寨政府商務部在多倫多正式成立加拿大柬埔寨總商會，並選出黃明亮為首屆會長，目的是促進柬埔寨和加拿大之間的貿易、文化和商業機會。

從這些機構的性質可見，他除了關心不同族裔、界別、背景和年齡所需的服務，也特別支持一些關注華人歷史、文化、和權益的團體。

他坦言自己在加國生活多年，對加國當然有一份感情，然而他最大的動力和心願是希望主流社會更重視華人的地位，認同華人的付出、貢獻，並且聽取華人作為加國一份子的聲音。他想做一個幕後支持者，從沒想過參政，但對於各級政府的華人政客尤其關注與支持，卻並非盲目支持，首先要了解他們的政綱和工作，並且向他們表達訴求，希望他們以人民的福祉為

依歸。

他寧取低調作風，也甚少張揚捐助行動；對於有需要的社群、慈善機構、醫療機構，向來都毫不猶豫地挺身而出，解囊襄助。

2020年4月，正值新冠病毒開始肆虐，防疫口罩嚴重短缺之際，他挺身而出，響應王裕佳醫生發起的 STOP Covid-19籌款活動，為前線醫護人員購置首批20萬個醫用口罩。作為主要組織者之一，黃明亮於口罩運抵當晚親自到多倫多機場，由晚上一工作到翌日清晨，忙於清關以及為運送口罩做好各項準備，務使前線醫護人員可以早日用上這批口罩。

過去20年，他的貢獻先後獲頒多個獎項及殊榮表揚，包括加拿大安省好公民榮譽勳章（2003-05）；歷來只有兩位華裔獲此最高榮譽、英女皇登基鑽禧勳章（2012年）、英女皇白金紀念勳章（2022）、150周年加拿大國慶傑出成就獎（2017）、加拿大傑出亞裔獎（2018）、多倫多警務局特許 20年社區貢獻獎（2022）、加拿大最佳社區服務獎（2010）、以及志願服務獎（2020）。

他回想最早開始捐款支持的是世界宣明會，助養貧窮國家的兒童，如今希望下一步的人生規劃，能回歸這個無國界助人的原則，不論是加國華人社區、主流社會、全球各地有合理需要的弱勢社群，都量力伸出援手，他更希望這個和衷共濟的精神和信念，可以與別人分享，並且延伸至下一代，豎立良好的榜樣。



與柬埔寨名譽領事攝於加拿大傑出亞裔頒獎禮 With Honorary Consul of Cambodia at Outstanding Asian Canadian Award ceremony



與聯邦參議員胡子修(中)及大多倫多中華文化中心前主席張怡專(左)攝於加拿大傑出亞裔頒獎禮 With Senator Victor Oh (middle) and former Chairman of Cultural Center of Greater Toronto Dr. Adrian Cheung (left) at Outstanding Asian Canadian Award ceremony



與安省潮州會館理事及董事於30週年晚宴 At 30th Anniversary gala of Chao Chow Association of Ontario with board members



獲多倫多警局頒發 20 年社區貢獻獎 Received Toronto Police's Outstanding 20 Years Community Service Award



獲安省頒發英女皇登基鑽禧勳章 Received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal from Ontario government



獲柬埔寨首相委任為加拿大柬埔寨總商會首任會長

Appointed by Cambodian Prime Minister as the first President of Cambodia Trade & Commerce in Canada.



與國會議員伍鳳儀(中)出席智愛中心籌款活動 Attended fundraising event of Cherish Integrated Service with MP Mary Ng (middle)



獲邀與前總理哈珀及政要前往北京出席 APEC 會議 Invited by former Prime Minister Stephen Harper to attend APEC in Beijing (2014)



出席於武漢舉行的國際潮團聯誼會
Teochew International Federation
at Wuhan, China (2013)



獲頒安省好公民榮譽勳章，是歷
來僅有兩位華裔得到的最高榮譽
Received Ontario Medal for Good
Citizenship as one of the 2 Chinese
recipients ever (2003-5)



支持警民一家親活動及
獲多倫多警局頒發獎項
Awarded by Toronto Police
in promoting community
liaison



與各級政府議員出席惠仁會籌款及慶祝活動
With members of parliament and councillors
at For People Community Support Association
fundraising event



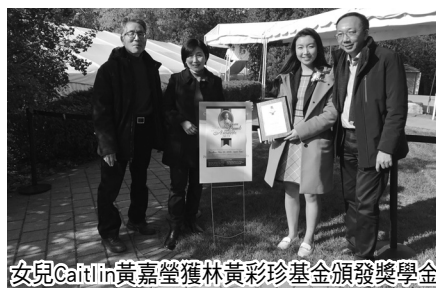
與太太李惠容(左二)出席潮州會館年度晚宴，
女兒Kaitlin Wong(右二)為當晚表演嘉
At Anniversary gala of Chao Chow Association
of Ontario with wife Vicky Lee-Wong (2nd left)
and daughter Caitlin (2nd right) who performed
at the gala



多倫多香港獅子會晚宴活動上進行捐款儀式
At a donation ceremony of Toronto Hong Kong
Lions Club Gala



帶領安省潮州會青年組巡遊慶祝加拿大國慶
Leading the Chao Chow Association youth
group at a Canada Day parade (2003)



女兒Caitlin黃嘉瑩獲林黃彩珍基金頒發獎學金
Daughter Caitlin Wong received 22nd Jean
Lumb Awards Scholarship (2019)



率領安省潮州會青年組捐贈食品給食物庫
Leading the Chao Chow Association youth
group in Food Bank donation (2005)

Lenny Wong

Through Good Times and Bad, A Ray of Light to Care for the Community and Brighten Up Life

He arrived in Canada over forty years ago as a refugee, beginning at entry level jobs, and becoming the President of Ocean Packers Inc., a successful business that he started on his own. With a passion for helping overseas Chinese and the community, Lenny Wong garnered multiple awards, including the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship, with his achievement and contribution to the community. How he broke through the barriers of education and socio-economic constraints to achieve success may well be a blueprint for success for other Canadian immigrants.

Lenny is not embarrassed by his childhood nor does he shy away from discussing the hardships he endured. At the age of twelve he had to run from war torn Cambodia and became a stateless refugee. For him, many of the details are still vivid, the journey having taught him many invaluable life lessons, which motivate him to keep striving for a better tomorrow for himself and society.

Lenny Wong was born in Cambodia, a third-generation Chinese immigrant from Chao Chow. He jokes that entrepreneurship runs in his blood - his father and grandfather were both businessmen. He has always wanted to be in business but the Khmer Rouge genocide in 1975 forced his family to leave the country, landing first in Vietnam, then France. By his teens he had already experienced

all kinds of hardships from war, starvation to racial discrimination. But hardship did not deter Lenny - nothing could stop him from pursuing his life's ideals.

Accepting Fate, Creating Destiny

In 1980, eighteen year old Lenny came to Canada as a refugee, settling in Regina with his family. Six months later, he left for Toronto to look for better opportunities before reuniting his family.

Since he left school early, all he knew was simple English and French that he learned from an American teacher in Cambodia. He wanted more education, maybe even university, but as the eldest son he had to support his family.

Based on his education and background, his only assets were his hands and his physical strength. He got work in delivery, food service and the like, sometimes working three different jobs at once. Work, sleep and more work. Life for this twenty-something was far from partying and youthful high jinks.

Yet, his goal was predetermined, he never forgot his business aspirations, and waited for an opportunity to get out of a lifetime of manual labour. Or rather, he created his own opportunity - he began developing his network and credibility, researching, reading and saving money to start a business.

He was building a foundation for success. He came to appreciate the

way of life and success: self constraints, generosity towards others, not afraid to give in, never be petty but always keep in mind the bottom line and principles. Also, one needs to have perseverance, determination, dedication, and follow through; not give up easily, and not be afraid of setbacks. And there needs to be a plan, good preparation. This may sound like common sense, but it's easier said than done. To see it through could well mean the stuff of legends, as Lenny exemplifies.

Lenny seized an opportunity while working at a restaurant in 1983. When he learned about the rising costs of seafood, he started to look for suppliers of quality but reasonably priced seafood. When he found one in the southern United States, he went in person to meet with them, riding over 10 hours to get there on a GreyHound bus because money was tight. And perhaps it was this earnestness that impressed the company, which gave him a distributor deal, followed by his establishment of Ocean Packers. At first it was a one-man show, and he had to overcome all kinds of problems. But he persevered and the business gradually grew. Today it is one of the largest frozen seafood companies in Canada, encompassing farming, production, processing and distribution. There are also processing plants all over the world, and partnerships with suppliers and retail businesses to form a big production and sales network.

Helping as a Comrade Championing for a Common Cause

Lenny has never forgotten to help others since he started his

own business, especially when it comes to meeting the needs of the Chinese community. He said he wasn't really inspired by any specific great individuals but felt a lifelong calling to help. Even when he didn't have much, he was happy to share what he had. Besides, based on his own early experiences and seeing discrimination and inequities against Chinese, he feels that it is his duty to society to lend a helping hand.

Looking back at his community work, Lenny started with organizations associated with his home town Chao Chow. He has been an active member of the Ontario Chao Chow Association for many years, was President for over ten years, and is now a lifetime honorary President. The association's main mandate is to promote Chinese culture, unite Chao Chow villagers and serve the community. It also leverages the Chao Chow spirit of hard work, generosity and integrity to raise funds to help charitable organizations and disaster relief around the world. It was also the first Chinese community organization to set up scholarships.

Today, Lenny participates in over ten organizations, including Vietnamese Cambodian Laotian Community Services Association (Honorary Life President), Forpeople Community Support Association (Honorary Life President), Toronto Hong Kong Lions Club (President, 2019-2021), Chinese Cultural Centre Of Greater Toronto (Honorary Advisor), Alpha Education (Honorary Advisor), Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation (Honorary Advisor), Mon Sheong Foundation (Honorary Governor), Support Enhance Access Service Centre (Board Director of Foundation) and

Toronto Police Service Chinese Advisory Council (Consultant).

In July 2022, the Cambodian government's Ministry of Commerce formally established its Canadian Cambodian Chamber of Commerce and Lenny Wong was appointed its inaugural president, with a mandate and endorsement by Prime Minister Hun Sen of Cambodia. Its objective is to promote Cambodian and Canadian trade, culture and business opportunities.

From these community connections it is clear that Lenny cares about services for diverse cultures, sectors, backgrounds and different ages, while he also supports organizations that are focused on Chinese history, culture, and rights.

He is open about feeling a bond with Canada having lived here for so many years. His biggest wish and motivation is for mainstream Canada to value the Chinese community, acknowledge their contribution and sacrifice, and to listen to the Chinese voice as a part of Canada. He wishes to be a supporter behind the scenes, he has no interest in politics although he supports Chinese politicians at all levels of government. He does so by first understanding their political platforms and work, then advocating for them to be guided by the greater good of the people.

Lenny's low key approach is seen in his quiet philanthropy, never hesitating to support community groups, charitable organizations and health care institutions in need.

In April 2020, in the early days of Covid when health care had a

severe shortage of medical masks, Lenny stepped up, responding to Dr. Joseph Wong's campaign to Stop Covid-19 by raising money for the first shipment of 200,000 medical masks. As one of the key organizers, Lenny went to Pearson Airport in the evening the masks arrived and worked all night to clear customs and prepare the masks for distribution, to ensure that frontline medical personnel could get these masks promptly.

In the past 20 years, Lenny's contributions have earned him numerous awards and recognition including the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship (2003-2005), the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal (2012), The Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II Medal (2022), 150 Anniversary Canada Day Achievement Award (2017), Outstanding Asian Canadian Award (2018), Toronto Police Service Outstanding 20 Years Community Service Award (2022), Canada Outstanding Contributions to Communities Award (2010) and 20 years Volunteer Service Awards (2020).

Lenny recalls that he first donated to World Vision to help children of developing countries. Now he hopes that his next step in life planning is to return to helping people with the principle of no borders, whether it's the Canadian Chinese community, mainstream society, or needy groups around the world. He would like to reach out to help in ways he can by working together with others and be a role model for the next generation.