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# NEWSLETTER



## Greetings From The Chair

BY ANNMARIE LAYNE

Dear colleagues,

The Members of the Board join me in extending every good wish to you, your families and your staff for 2023.

The CCAT Board has been hard at work and has met twice since the start of the year. Our meetings have focused on the 2023 agenda and how we can strengthen the CCAT. We have many exciting initiatives planned for this year and look forward to your participation and support. In the next few weeks, we will be circulating a questionnaire to understand our membership's areas of interest better – we look forward to your views and insights.

Sadly, on 6th February 2023, we witnessed mother nature's fury as two earthquakes and many aftershocks hit Kahramanmaraş and the neighbouring provinces in Türkiye. Please join me in extending condolences to Consul General Sinem Mingan and the people of Türkiye for the devastating loss of life and destruction caused by the two earthquakes. We stand in solidarity with all those who have been affected by this disaster.

## Did you know...

1. Did you know that a Peruvian career diplomat was elected Secretary General of the UN from 1982-1991? Name it.
2. Did you know that there is a group of four Latin American countries called "The Pacific Alliance"? Name them.
3. Did you know that there are three Latin American countries members of APEC? Name them.
4. Did you know that Canada has a long-standing diplomatic relationship with Peru for almost eight decades?
5. Did you know that Canada is the first foreign investment country in the mining sector in Peru?



### Mark your Calendar!

We are pleased to inform you that Mr. Myron Demkiw, Chief of Police, Toronto, will be the guest speaker at our luncheon on **17th April 2023**.

Recognizing the interest of many of our members in issues related to mineral exploration and mining, we have begun consultations to have a speaker from The Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) as the guest speaker on **16th May 2023** – stay tuned!

Mr. Slava Apel, CEO of Startup Visa Services, will be the guest speaker on **13th June 2023**.

We have introduced a **Did You Know** section in this month's newsletter highlighting Peru. We will feature a new country in each newsletter and invite you to send interesting facts about your home country to the Hon. Bryon Wilfert at [b.wilfert@rogers.com](mailto:b.wilfert@rogers.com).

I look forward to engaging with each of you throughout the coming year. I leave you with the following quote: *What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is the difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead -- Nelson Mandela.*

## MISSION

THE OBJECT OF THE ASSOCIATION IS TO FACILITATE THE SOCIAL RELATIONS OF THE CONSULAR CORPS OF TORONTO AS SUCH WITH THE LOCAL FEDERAL, PROVINCIAL, MUNICIPAL AND CIVIC AUTHORITIES.

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## Past Events:

DECEMBER 6, 2022



2022 CCAT  
Christmas  
Luncheon



## JANUARY

**"2023 Economic Outlook: Brace for a bumpy landing"**  
**Mr. Josh Nye**  
Senior Economist at Royal Bank of Canada

## FEBRUARY

**"Canadian Youth engagement in Diplomacy"**  
**Ms. Rachel Arhin**  
Senior Advisor for the Government of Canada

## Upcoming Events:

MARCH  
**6** **Annual CCAT General Meeting**  
All CCAT members are invited

APRIL  
**17** **CCAT Luncheon**  
Speaker: Chief Myron Demkiw  
Chief of the Toronto Police Service

JUNE  
**13** **CCAT Luncheon**  
Speaker: Mr. Slava Apel  
CEO of Startup Visa Services

OCTOBER  
**21** **CCAT Social Committee**  
All CCAT members are invited