

Richmond Night Market 2024

PRESS RELEASE

Richmond Night Market Founder Receives Coronation Medal



Richmond, B.C.—Raymond Cheung, the founder of the Richmond Night Market, received what he called the “honor of a lifetime” last weekend when he was recognized with the King Charles III Coronation Medal. B.C. Premier David Eby and Richmond-Queensborough MLA Aman Singh on Saturday visited what’s widely known as the largest outdoor Asian market in North America. Eby and Singh were honorary guests, invited to help open the Fire Dragon Lantern Festival, which marks the beginning of the celebrations for the mid-Autumn Festival and runs through the end of the Night Market on Monday, Oct. 14. The market will be lit up with a stunning display of handcrafted lanterns, with a dragon lantern as the centrepiece. The mid-Autumn Festival is also known as the Moon Festival in some Asian cultures, and is celebrated by families who come together to share traditional dishes and treats, with some cultures lighting colourful lanterns in honour of their ancestors and in gratitude for the harvest.

Eby and Singh surprised Cheung with the presentation of the King Charles III Coronation Medal, on behalf of Governor General of Canada Mary Simon. “I’m humbled and honoured. This is the honour of a lifetime,” Cheung said. “But this recognition would not be possible without all of the people who have supported me for so many years, including my wife Karen, the City of Richmond, local councillors, my amazing staff, my parent and too many others to name.” Cheung recalls receiving a young entrepreneur award near the start of his career, and recognized that this award comes closer to the end of his career than the start. It’s been almost a quarter of a century since Cheung launched what would quickly become one of Richmond’s signature summer events in 2000. Today, the weekend market attracts more than a million visitors annually. “By Command of The King, the Coronation Medal is hereby conferred upon you in commemoration of His Majesty’s May 6th, 2023 Coronation as King of Canada and in recognition of your valuable contribution to your country,” the award certificate reads.

History of Richmond Night Market

Founded 24 years ago by entrepreneur Raymond Cheung, the first Richmond Night Market was held in 2000 at Continental Centre on Cambie Road, and it has grown from those modest beginnings to become a regional mainstay and must-see for visitors and locals. Featured in The New York Times, the Richmond Night Market is the largest night market in North America and is an international attraction, drawing more than one million people every year.

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