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Summary information

Repository:	Saanich Archives
Title:	David Chuen-Yan Lai fonds
ID:	PR-277
Date:	1974 - 2010 (date of creation)
Physical description:	35 cm of textual records. 4 publications. [130] photographs.
Language:	English
Language:	Chinese
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	
Note [generalNote]:	Accession numbers: 2017-006, 2017-009.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

David Chuen-Yan Lai was born in Hong Kong. He received his PhD from the London School of Economics and began teaching as an assistant professor in geography at the University of Victoria in 1968. A long-time resident of Saanich, Dr. Lai was a member (1982) and Chair (1983 and 1989) of the Saanich Heritage Advisory and Archival Committee and was involved in establishing the Saanich Heritage Foundation. This work earned him a Heritage Society of BC award in 1985. He is a member of the Order of Canada and received the Gabrielle Leger award from Heritage Canada. Dr. Lai, known for his research on Chinese communities and Chinatowns in Canada, is the author of a number of publications including "The Forbidden City Within Victoria: Myth, Symbol and Streetscape of Canada's Earliest Chinatown", Victoria, B.C.: Orca Book Pub., 1991.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of papers and reports relating to Dr. Lai's community work, especially his work relating to Chinese heritage and Chinatown. Fonds includes materials from his time as Chair and member of the Saanich Heritage Advisory and Archival Committee, and to the Saanich Heritage Awareness Program in particular. Topics include Chinese-Canadian history, Chinatown, and D'Arcy Island. Includes

correspondence, news clippings, articles, photographs, film negatives, colour slides, and posters. Fonds includes material in Chinese and English.

Notes

Title notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Donated in 2017.

Restrictions on access

No restrictions.

Finding aids

File list available.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Saanich Heritage Advisory and Archives Committee (subject)
- Correspondence (documentary form)
- Clippings (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Ephemera (documentary form)
- Books (documentary form)
- Saanich (place)