

The MEAAC Open House

The Manitoba Ethno-cultural Advisory and Advocacy Council (MEAAC) held its annual Open House at the Rotunda on the 2nd floor of the Legislative Bldg., on February 25, 2009, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. to showcase how MEAAC connects Manitoba's Ethno-cultural Communities with the Provincial Government through the Hon. Minister Nancy Allan of Labour and Immigration, and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism, and how MEAAC listens and advocates for Manitoba's Ethno-cultural communities.

The 21 MEAAC members were officially inducted on March 25, 2008, to serve on a volunteer basis for a term of 3 years (2008 - 2011). They elected from among themselves a Council Chairperson in the person of Dr. Denise Koh, and a Vice-Chair in the person of Mr. Mamadou Ka. Each MEAAC member volunteers to serve in one of the 4 Standing Committees, namely, Outreach & Communications whose Chairperson and members are Ms. Christene Nnadi, Mr. Carlos Campos, Mr. Jesus Angel Miguel Garcia, Mr. Edmond Lip, Rev. Dr. Neil Parado and Mr. Daniel Schulz ; Youth whose Chairperson and members are Mrs. Nadia Kidwai, Ms. Joy Bisson, Mrs. Krystyna Gajda and Ms. Sarowar Miah; Settlement & Integration whose Chairperson and members are Mr. Sergio Glogowski, Mr. Mamadou Ka, Mrs. Ana Rodriguez, Ms. Monica Singh and Mrs. Victoria Umin; Inclusive & Sustainable Communities whose Chairperson and members are Mrs. Keiko Miki, Ms. Mona Goomansingh, Mr. Isaac Gwendo and Ms. Saratha Joseph.



Each Standing Committee has priority projects to accomplish. The Outreach & Communications Standing Committee has done for this year two of its priority projects, namely, the MEAAC Brochure which you may access at www.immigratemanitoba.com/meaac and the Open House which was attended by the Hon. Minister Nancy Allan and Deputy Minister Ben Rempel, Councilor Mike Pagtakhan and other Provincial and City Officials, as well as by Presidents and members of the various Ethno-cultural Community organizations and groups in Manitoba. After the Greetings from the Hon. Minister Nancy Allan, every Standing Committee Chair briefly gave an overview of his/her Committee's priority areas. Later during the Refreshments the guests from the various Ethno-cultural communities had a chance to meet with the MEAAC members as well as with Minister Nancy Allan and Deputy Ben Rempel. It was indeed an evening well spent.