



## MULTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF FREDERICTON, INC.

### Newsletter Spring 2007

#### *President's Message*

We are proud to announce that you are reading our first 2007 newsletter. The newsletter is going to be digital; hence feel free to distribute it as widely as possible. The newsletter is meant to be a bridge between the MCAF and the Fredericton community. 🌍

Dexter Noel, President of the Board of Directors

#### *Contest*

We do invite all of you to come up with a proper name for the newsletter. 🌍 Send submissions to Haruka Kudo [Haruka@mcaf.nb.ca](mailto:Haruka@mcaf.nb.ca)

#### *Bits of Immigration News*

According to the Citizenship and Immigration Canada, in 2005 the top source immigrant countries were China, India and the Philippines, representing more than a third of all newcomers to Canada. The fourth source country was the United States. 🌍

In 2005, Atlantic Canada received 1.5% of all the newcomers to Canada. 🌍

#### *Meet the Board*

The current board members are finishing their term in March 2007. They represent literally all corners of the world. They are: Joe Abekah, David Gbongbor, Donna Gordon, Khadidja Harichane, Elaine Kenyon, Guna Kulasegaram, Judy Loo, George Maicher, JoAnn Majerovich, Bo Miedema, Paul Park, Mansoureh Nasserchian, Dexter Noel (President), Marisa Rojas, Ivana Vukic-Lepir and Huixi Xei. 🌍



#### *Past Events*

March 28: Annual General Meeting at the Fredericton Motor Inn from 6.00-7.00pm. Following the AGM, a public meeting "*Celebrating the Contribution of Immigrants to Fredericton*" will be held. Three immigrants will share their stories. Lisa Bamford will talk about the role of the MCAF in settlement of newcomers in Fredericton. 🌍

### ***Upcoming Events***

June 20: World Refugee Day.  
Currently, there are more than 20 million refugees worldwide. Pakistan, Iran, Germany, Tanzania and the United States are the top 5 refugee hosting countries. 🌍

July 1: Canada Day. Celebrate Canada day with the MCAF. 🌍

July 3 – August 3: Rainbow of Cultures Summer Camp. 🌍

### ***Ongoing Events***

Youth Group: Every Saturday Afternoon 1.00-4.00pm, *The Mosaic Club* meets. Newcomer youth have an opportunity to participate in activities and games that are geared towards developing and practicing English language skills. 🌍

Employment: The Employment team of MCAF is planning various employment workshops for immigrants and international students. Check the MCAF website for dates and locations. 🌍

### ***Membership***

Are you a MCAF member?  
If not, send an e-mail and we will send you a membership form today, or stop by the MCAF office. 🌍



### ***Why become a member?***

Discount on Summer Camp registration fee; nominate or run for the MCAF Executive/Board; be a voting member at the elections for the MCAF Executive/Board Members; receive the MCAF Newsletters; be part of a common voice for diversity and anti-racism; receive invitations to MCAF events and activities, and last but not least, it is cheap! \$5 (student); \$10 (individual); \$15 (family) and \$25 (association). 🌍

### ***Celebrations***

Join us on May 7<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the graduation of "Mamma" Alice Mokoena (BA from St. Thomas University); see MCAF website for time and exact location.

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