

2014 British Columbia Apology to Chinese Canadians for Historical Wrongs

In May of 2014, the Province of BC apologized to Chinese Canadians for wrongs committed by past provincial governments.

These wrongs include denying Chinese immigrants the right to vote, and taking payments for the head tax. These laws and practices have long been changed. However, past wrongs continue to cause anger and disappointment among Chinese Canadians.



A formal apology was made in an effort to fight racism in the province. The apology was also made to heal the past and create a positive future as an inclusive society. Through the apology, Premier Christy Clark made a commitment to ensure that discrimination will never be repeated, and that the province will never draft racist legislation again.

As part of this apology to the Chinese community, the BC education curriculum will include the province's rich multicultural heritage. This curriculum will also acknowledge the contributions Chinese British Columbians have made to our cultural, economic, and social fabric. The educational resource you are using now is part of this initiative.

