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**Chinese Canadian Communities call for Governments to Move Beyond Rhetoric in Combatting Anti-Asian Racism**

May 22/2020/Toronto / The Chinese Canadian National Council for Social Justice (CCNC-SJ) welcomes Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's condemnation of anti-Asian racism but calls on all levels of government to do more to support community initiatives to fight against stigmatization of anti-Asian racism.

In his daily briefing today, Prime Minister Trudeau reiterated that "hate, violence and discrimination have no place in Canada".

"The time for rhetoric and scolding is long past. All levels of government have to provide a direct response to stop racism in all its forms in its tracks," said Susan Eng, Director of CCNC-SJ.

"As part of their regular public briefings about COVID-19, political leaders should also report the number of incidents of anti-Asian racism and hate. Rallying public attention and stigmatizing racism should be an integral part of the strategy to combat COVID-19," said Amy Go, President of CCNC-SJ.

Speaking up against racism, especially for those who are confronted by racist attacks, takes tremendous courage. We definitely welcome the allies who help to call out racists and racism. As our Prime Minister said, "I want to thank those who have stood up against violence and exposed what is happening in our communities. We need to speak out against racism wherever it is found, so we can stop it."

"Even in the best of times, victims of racism and hate crimes encounter multiple barriers in seeking support for themselves and redress for the wrongdoings. Those of us who are on the frontline speaking out against racism are often also made targets of hateful attacks. We need to know that the Canadian Government has our backs and will give us the support we need to not only combat hate today, but to bring about racial equality in the long run," said Avvy Go, Clinic Director of the Chinese & Southeast Asian Legal Clinic (CSALC).

CCNC-SJ is collaborating with CSALC in Toronto and the Civic Engagement Network in Vancouver, to support CCNC Toronto Chapter's initiative to collect online reports from people who experience racist/hate incidents ([covidracism.ca](https://covidracism.ca)). Personal stories and data will be shared publicly later in May to highlight the devastating impact of racism on

Asian Canadians during these already difficult times. CCNC-SJ is also developing online tools and resources to help affected community members respond to racism.

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