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Dragon Boat Festival ...

A ROARING SUCCESS



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Picture-perfect weather saw record crowds attend last weekend's Birch Mountain Resources Calgary Dragon Boat Festival at North Glenmore Park.

With more than 70 teams competing in the colourful event, organizers can proudly boast this was the biggest and best event in the festival's 14-year history.

Opening ceremonies featured a traditional eye-dotting ceremony, remarks from select politicians and event organizers, and a demonstration race.

VIPs in attendance included: Wang Yuedong, his wife Xu Jingquan, and Han Xu representing the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Calgary; MLAs Wayne Cao, Harry Chase and Alana DeLong; and Ald. Linda

Fox Melway.

Other guests included: Don Dabbs, senior vice-president, Birch Mountain Resources; Dave Colquhoun, manager, Transit Planning, Calgary Transit; Scotiabank district vice-president Steve Lukey with colleagues Therese Dugan, district banking manager, and Jason Vanderzwan, branch manager; festival director Heather Gardiner-Doetzel; Alberta Dragon Boat Race

Foundation (ADBRF) board member Sharon Wright; volunteers Florence Costa and Nuria Sanchez; ADBRF media director Maria Kadatz; ADBRF president Shawn Samol; Birch Mountain Resources geologist and ADBRF director Gerald Kozdial; Calgary Convention and Visitors Bureau's Elaine Baumann; ADBRF directors Henry Chan and John Cimino; caterer Susan Kiss; Harvey the Hound and the Sun's Chris, Chris on Six, Gerritsen; and Hannah Drechsler, Deb James and Joanne Lozynsky, members of Team Dragon Fly — one of the breast cancer survivor entrants.

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