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## **Chinese Canadian scientist one of seven recipients of new lung cancer research funds from the Canadian Cancer Society**

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TORONTO — Canadian lung cancer research will receive a boost thanks to the generosity and energy of donors and volunteers of the Canadian Cancer Society in Ontario.

Funding for seven new lung cancer studies was announced today as part of the Canadian Cancer Society's total investment of more than \$49 million in cancer research across Canada this year.

Dr. Ming-Sound Tsao, the M. Qasim Choksi Chair in Lung Cancer Translational Research at Princess Margaret Hospital, will receive one of the new lung cancer grants.

"Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among Canadian men and women," says Dr. Tsao, "But it receives only about 3% of cancer research funding. This new investment by the Ontario division of the Canadian Cancer Society is an opportunity to make new advances in this field."

Dr. Tsao will receive a \$336,995 new grant to study tissue changes that influence the growth of lung cancer. Some of the proteins in tissues surrounding tumor cells become more abundant when the cancer grows. Dr. Tsao studies new ways to disrupt cancer growth by blocking the function of these proteins. Dr. Tsao is also part of a second grant, led by Dr. Aaron Wheeler, to apply new laboratory technologies to find a more effective way of detecting lung cancer in the early stages.

"Recent discoveries and new technologies mean that there are new opportunities to better understand lung cancer and to find ways to detect, diagnose and treat it earlier," says Dr. Tsao.

Funding for new research is made possible by the support the Canadian Cancer Society receives from donors and volunteers – including the enthusiastic support of the Chinese community through events like the Golden Daffodil Charity Ball. The Canadian Cancer Society is awarding over \$17 million to 41 cancer research projects in Ontario this year.

"We're pleased our efforts to raise funds for the Canadian Cancer Society over the years has meant the support of excellent research in this province,"

say Denis Au-Yeung and Bammy Wong, co-chairs of the annual Golden Daffodil Charity Ball, which this year celebrated its 12th anniversary. "We are hopeful that this specific investment in lung cancer research will help find ways to counter this deadly disease."

"Thanks to generous efforts such as the annual Golden Daffodil Charity Ball, we are making progress," says Peter Goodhand, CEO, Ontario Division, Canadian Cancer Society. "Today, more than 62% of people survive cancer. With new groundbreaking research like Dr. Tsao's, we hope many more lives will be saved in the future."

The Canadian Cancer Society is a national community-based organization of volunteers whose mission is the eradication of cancer and the enhancement of the quality of life of people living with cancer. When you want to know more about cancer, visit our website [www.cancer.ca](http://www.cancer.ca) or call our toll-free, bilingual *Cancer Information Service* at 1 888 939-3333.

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