
**THE HONOURABLE MICHAEL CHAN
MINISTER OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT
COSTI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday, November 26, 2009
Caledonia Centre
700 Caledonia Road 6:00 pm**

Toronto - The Honourable Michael Chan, Ontario Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, will visit COSTI Immigrant Services on **Thursday, November 26, 6:00 p.m.**, at **700 Caledonia Road**. As Keynote Speaker, Minister Chan will address guests attending COSTI's **Annual General Meeting**.

COSTI Immigrant Services is a community-based multicultural agency providing employment, educational, and social services to new Canadians and all individuals in need of assistance. "The Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration has played a crucial role in the provision of our services by funding settlement and orientation services through the provincial government's Newcomer Settlement Program", said Mario Calla, COSTI's Executive Director. Last year, over 1,500 newcomers accessed the Newcomer Settlement Program through COSTI's North York Centre and Corvetti Education Centre.

Since 1952, COSTI has been helping those in need, providing hope to refugee families, protecting women and children, strengthening families, combating racism and discrimination, and assisting all those who function at a disadvantage in society. With a staff of over 390 people, speaking more than 60 languages, COSTI strives to ensure that all individuals, regardless of language, cultural, or financial barriers, are given the opportunity to use their existing skills, learn new ones, and participate in all aspects of Canadian life. COSTI presently provides support to over 59,000 individuals annually through 20 service locations.

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