Multi-stream Flows Reshape Chinese Communities in Canada: A Human Capital Perspective

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Topics for today

1. Introduction
2. Overview of multi-stream flows
3. Reshape Chinese communities
4. Conclusion: changing games in the 21st century
1. Introduction: undervalued Chinese community

- Suppliers of needed manpower
- Fiscal burden (Grubel and Grady, 2012)
- Taxi driver syndrome (Reitz, 2011)
- $2.2 billion worth of human capital (Li, 2011)

Other Arguments:
- Chinese Canadians would “not be distinguished from other Canadians” (Major-General Victor G. Odlum: 1880-1971)
- Chinese community looks like today is as diversified as Canadian society is as a whole (Zhang, 2011)
2. Overview of multi-stream flows

Tourists

Foreign Workers

Int’l Students

Immigrants
Permanent mover: immigrants

Immigrants from China to Canada: 2000-2010

- Arrival
- Share (%)

Year: 2000-2010

Numbers: 0 to 45,000

Legend: Arrivals and Share (%)
Temporary mover: students

Students from China to Canada: 2000-2010

Stock of Students from China to Canada: 2000-2010
Temporary mover: workers

**Foreign Workers from China to Canada: 2000-2010**

- **Annual Entry**
- **Share (%)**

- Year: 2000-2010

**Stock of Foreign Workers from China: 2000-2010**

- **Stock**
- **Share (%)**

- Year: 2000-2010
Temporary mover: tourists

Tourists from China to Canada: 2000-2010

- Visit (1,000)
- Share of top 15 origins (%)
3. Reshape Chinese communities

Human Capital Exchange

Diversified Communities
1.3 million of Chinese origin (2006 Census)
- CBC: 27.4%
- 2nd + generations: 16.6%
- 77% hold Canadian citizenship only; 5% dual citizenship; 18% PR
- 86% have some knowledge of English or French
- 1/5 reported English or French as mother tongue
- 7 major dialects: Mandarin, Cantonese, Hakka, Taiwanese, Chaochow, Fukien, Shanghainese, etc.
- 74% admitted as economic immigrants
- 49% from PRC, 23% from HKSAR, 28% from other source countries/regions
- Concentration in MTV
Admission shifting towards skills

Chinese Immigrants to Canada by Category, 1980s
- Economic Class: 0%
- Family Class: 93%
- Others*: 7%

Chinese Immigrants to Canada by Category, 2010
- Economic Class: 74%
- Family Class: 22%
- Others*: 4%
Human capital exchange

- Human capital supply from China to Canada

  ◦ 1991-2000:
    - $2.2 billion worth of human capital (Li, 2011)
    - 25% of foreign born PhDs surpass 6% from U.S. and U.K. (Gluszynski and Peters, 2005)

  ◦ 2001 – 2010 (CIC’s IMDB special request):
    - 5,470 PhDs; 34,760 Masters; 100,000 university graduates
    - 70,000 professionals; 25,000 managers (10% of senior ones); 14,000 skilled workers and technicians
Human capital exchange (cont’d)

- Human capital formation in Canada
  - Teaching:
    - 28% of all minority faculty or 4% of the total faculty as of 2006 (CAUT, 2011)
    - 100 of 1,845 Canadian Research Chair positions as of Sept. 2010 (Zha, 2012)
  - Learning:
    - 62% completion of university vs. 24% of Canadian born
    - Upward skill mobility from traditional 3 Knives (A kitchen knife, Tailor scissors, Shaving knife) to 6 modern professions (lawyers, engineers, doctors, accountants, senior technicians and university professors) (三把刀变为六个师)
Human capital exchange (cont’d)

- Special skills
  - Entrepreneurship and international business skills
    - 52,000 business immigrants arrived in Canada
  - Diaspora networks and transnational linkage:
    - Knowledge sharing
    - Innovation linkage
    - “Soft power”
Multi-stream flows reshape diversified Chinese communities in Canada.

Chinese Canadians would “not be distinguished from other Canadians”.

Canada needs a smarter, more proactive and collaborative approach.
Data sources:

- Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Facts and Figures, various years
- Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Research Data Mart as of Jan 2012, Data request tracking number: RE-12.0382.
- Statistics Canada, Tourism and the Centre for Education Statistics
Thank You!

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