



Update from the CBLIP Immigrant Advisory Table



IAT Co-Chairs

Des Ong
& Lan Zheng

IAT Membership

- a diverse and engaged group of newcomers who are passionate about improving newcomer experiences in Unama'ki - Cape Breton.
- currently 16 volunteers who were born and raised outside of Canada and now live on the Island
- each municipality is represented by at least one IAT member





**Darlin
Garland**

Germany



**Lisa
Huang**

Brazil



Rickey Lanting

Philippines



**Tomas Antonio
Gonzalez Camino**

Venezuela



Sam Wu

China



**Katrin Lucks-
Stolley**

Germany



Mahesh Prabhu

India



**Nga (Ginny)
Nguyen**

Vietnam



Philippines



Leslie Fu

China



**Hisham
Sleem**

Egypt



**Shampa
Mandal**

India



**Olena
Stutzinger**

Ukraine



**Babafemi
Odumosu**

Nigeria



**Lan
Zheng**

China



**Des
Ong**

Philippines

Highlights of 2024



Welcomed new members!

Increased involvement in CBLIP committees

- Mi'kmaq - Newcomer Relationship Building Initiative core team
- Partner update event planning sub-committee
- Welcoming Spirit Award selection committee
- CBLIP Impact & Strategic Clarity core team

High engagement between members = increased knowledge & capacity

- Expanding Municipal Voting Rights project
- Weather Preparedness project
- Attending the We'koqma'q Mawiommi



Weather & Emergency Preparedness

Wednesday, September 18
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Light refreshments provided

CBICI Office, 37 Nepean Street
Suite 200, 2nd Floor

Safety starts with preparation. Join this workshop to learn valuable tips on staying safe and ready for different situations.

To register, fill out the registration form (link in the caption) or call us at 902-270-5772.



Goals for 2025

Build on momentum

- Build on capacity building and collaboration by inviting CBLIP working group members to IAT meetings and social events to open more opportunity for dialogue and ideation with newcomers.
- Continue to welcome more diverse voices to the IAT. There are a few spots open outside the CBRM!

