

# THE BLACK & WHITE GALA



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Message from Donald Guloien,

All of us at Manulife are proud to be the Presenting Sponsor of the Black & White Gala in support of the upcoming visit of the two giant pandas from China. We are also very excited about the opportunity of taking our families to see these beautiful animals in Toronto this spring or at a later date in Calgary.

Canada is once again been given a great privilege to be able to enjoy the company of two of China's national treasures. The arrival of Er Shun and Da Mao from China is a testament to the deepening relationship between our two countries.

Manulife has a long-standing relationship with China. The friendship between China and Manulife covers three centuries beginning in 1897 when we opened an office in Shanghai. Today we have a very successful joint venture with Sinochem and Teda, and operate in 13 provinces and 50 cities. We at Manulife have witnessed many times the generosity of the Chinese people and can attest to the fact that this extended visit of these rare creatures to Canada is a very significant step forward in the relationship between our two countries.

On behalf of my colleagues at Manulife, we offer our congratulations to the Gala committee and all of those who contributed to the success of this fine evening. To the people of China, we would like to say that you honour Canada with this most wonderful gesture, and Canadians will deeply appreciate it.

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