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Featured Alumni: Matthew & Miho, Immigration Consultants

Since 2008, Ashton alumni Matthew Sell and his wife Miho Shimizu have been practicing immigration consultants in downtown Vancouver. Their consultancy, Canadian International Partners (CIP) Consulting, began when Miho sponsored Matt during his immigration process. Filling out the paperwork was a rewarding process, and from there they began to research the profession. The Immigration Consultant Diploma through Ashton, is a four-month program, and from there the couple began their business. Matt explains, "It's a very challenging occupation. Just staying on top of the legislation is a full-time job itself". Starting up the business was also a challenge, especially building a client base and competing with consultants who have been in the industry for many years. "It's difficult to compete with these people and you really don't have the reputation or the body of knowledge". However, the couple enjoys the social aspect of the profession, and the problem solving involved; especially when the problem solving results in their clients finally landing in Canada, "Most of our clients are here," Miho reports proudly.

Board of Directors, Annual General Meeting January 26

On January 26th the Alumni Association will hold an annual general meeting, during which the board of directors will be voted in. This meeting occurs once a year and will take place on Ashton Campus from 6pm-7pm. All members are invited to attend and vote.

Share your Stories

The Alumni Association wants to hear from past students of Ashton College. What you did following your time with us is the most important part of your education, and we'd like to hear about it. Your testimonial could be shared online, in print or even in an advertisement. You've done something remarkable, so share it with Ashton and the world. To do this contact:

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Continuing Professional Development Day Seminar for ICCRC Regulated Immigration Consultants

Ashton College has received approval from ICCRC to offer a Continuing Professional Development Seminar that will provide ICCRC members with 6 CPD credits.

Slaying Two Giants

Spend the day exploring and discussing the two "Giants" of any immigration hearing-the identity of a client and the credibility of the clients oral and objective evidence. Hear how to deal with different scenarios. This seminar is presented by Susan French on Saturday January 14th, 2012 from 9:00am to 4:00pm at Ashton College. For more information please contact Cindy Villeneuve at 604.899.0803 X 116 or cvilleneuve@ashtoncollege.com