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RE: "Vancouver Man Who Promised Riches to Investors Committed Fraud, Panel Says."

On behalf of the Canadian Association of Professional Immigration Consultants (CAPIC), I wish to highlight a misleading error in your reporting on immigration fraud in Canada.

The New York Times published the above article on December 13, but it appeared in many Canadian newspapers today. It describes Mr. Oei as a "prominent immigration consultant," though he is not a member of the Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council (ICCRC) and therefore not a Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultant (RCIC).

The term "unauthorized representatives" is more appropriate, as Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada refers to "authorized representatives," a term that appears throughout the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA). The Law Society of Upper Canada employs the term "unauthorized practitioners," which is broader but nonetheless denotes a nonprofessional, unlike the word "consultant."

CAPIC supports the successful resolution of this case, and the work of law enforcement officials in bringing the perpetrator to justice.

Yours Truly,

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