H1-B Visas & Asian Immigration: A Canadian View in California
Mandate of the Consulate General:

- To deliver Canada’s Immigration Program in the SW United States
- To process all immigrant and non-immigrant applications emanating from this territory
Migration Program:

- No active recruitment
- Program thrives on huge foreign population in this territory
- All eligible applicants will be processed
- No quotas on numbers or nationalities
Skilled Migration:

- H1-B, J-1, L-1, F-1 visa-holders all attracted to program
- Most look to Canada because of difficulty in renewing status in USA
- Most qualify for migration because of education and work experience in USA
Permanent Residents:

- Prospective immigrants (e.g. H1-B) can apply directly for PR from outside Canada

- FSW Program eligibility:
  - Experience in one of 38 occupations
  - Arranged employment
Permanent Residents (cont’d):

- Provincial Nominee Program:
  Can apply directly to province of choice seeking nomination certificate
  Provinces have niche occupations/needs
Temporary Foreign Workers:

- TFW Program open to all seeking temporary employment in Canada
- Must have job offer approved by local authority
- Work permit restricted to specific job
- No restrictions on occupations
Visas issued in LA to H1-B holders in 2008:

- PR Visas: 1,200
- Work Permits: 300
- Approx 40% each issued to Chinese and Indians; 20% to all others
Website Addresses:

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