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Another year has come and gone! I would like to say thank you for being with us during the year 2020! 2020 was remarkable in the sense that the IIA Calgary Chapter turned 60!

May the new year 2021 bring you 12 months of success, 52 weeks of laughter, 365 days of fun, 8760 hours of joy, $52,600 minutes of luck, and 31,536,000 seconds of happiness. Happy new year to each and every member of the Calgary Chapter!

Let me start by extending my new year message in three parts:

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**First**

Needless to say, the year 2020 was also the year that the world was significantly shaken by COVID-19. The pandemic spread throughout the world in the blink of an eye and is still raging in many countries and regions. We were all impacted in one way or the other, including travel restrictions, limitations on economic activities, or social distancing from colleagues and extended family members or friends. It will take time before widespread use of vaccines, so let us continue taking proper measures against the pandemic to protect ourselves and others. I would like to express my deep respect toward them together with you and mutually resolve to support each other through our work.

**Second**

Last year, in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, new behavioral patterns have taken root. They include telework, staggered working hours, and online events, to name a few. The technologies of today have drastically changed our working style to deal with this crisis and even significantly changing our societies and lives. We can say that the technologies and/or the pandemic have accelerated these changes in many ways. We have to cope with and adapt to the changing times i.e., new lifestyles with and after COVID-19. In 2020, we made steady progress on several new initiatives to enhance the service to our members such as the Book Giveaway contest, free learning events to earn CPD-hours, and supporting our members that have been impacted through layoff with discounted membership rates, to name a few. You can expect more of these in the near future—stay tuned. We will continue to serve our members with monthly virtual education and networking opportunities for free and in some cases at a discounted rate of $10, until it is safe to meet in person.

**Third**

I have for you three key phrases for the 2021 year:

1. “Back to basics”. We have to make various decisions and take actions in a variety of circumstances. I hope everyone of us will acknowledge our values and standards, bounded by our basic professional and business principles, in making those decisions.
2. “Challenge”. The world is changing, or rather, evolving rapidly. Let us accept the new normal and new trends as an opportunity and take on fresh challenges in value creation as well as the operational improvement for our organizations. People tend to think about the risk of failure when taking on challenges, but today, not taking on challenges itself is a risk. Do not use the lack of experience as an excuse. If we remain where we are, nothing will be created. Nothing will change.
3. “Place emphasis on earning trust”. As a profession we can recover our earning power and get back on a growth trajectory by creating and providing new value to our organizations. In response to needs that keeps on changing and evolving, let us stay focused on earning trust and value creation by selling them out unabashedly while we transform our profession.

On a final note, we have been successful in maintaining our resilience during tough times so let us keep the phrase “enriching lives and the world” close to heart as we make this another year to remember.

I would love to hear your suggestions on how we can serve you better so please connect with me via email Chapter72@iiachapters.org or follow our Chapter on LinkedIn and Twitter.

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