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Premiers Meet with Senior Chinese Leaders in Beijing and Announce Key Projects during First-ever Council of the Federation Mission to China

BEIJING, November 3, 2008 – Premiers from the provinces of Ontario, New Brunswick, Manitoba and Prince Edward Island, and the personal representative of Québec’s Premier, met today in Beijing with senior Chinese political leaders to promote the expansion of trade and investment between Canada and China.

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty, New Brunswick Premier Shawn Graham, Manitoba Premier Gary Doer and PEI Premier Robert Ghiz, as well as Québec’s former premier Pierre Marc Johnson, are leading a delegation of more than one hundred business, research, environmental and educational institution representatives who meet with Chinese counterparts to discuss and initiate new projects between China and Canada.

While in Beijing, Premiers met with Yang Jiechi, China’s Minister of Foreign Affairs. This is the first time that a group of Canadian Premiers have met with China’s Minister of Foreign Affairs. In addition, Premiers met with Vice-Governors from the Chinese provinces of Hebei, Henan, Hunan and Shandong.

Premiers also met with Mr. Cheng Siwei, former Vice-Chairman of the National People’s Congress of the People’s Republic of China. Mr. Cheng recently received the "Globalist of the Year" award from the Canadian International Council, for his contribution to international relations and cooperation.

“We are pleased to meet with so many influential Chinese leaders while in Beijing. The friendships we initiate today will pay great dividends for our citizens in the years to come, given China’s continued strong economic growth,” said Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty.

In addition, Premiers met with Mr. Li Xieyong, Party Secretary and Vice-Minister of Science and Technology. During the meeting, the Governments of Ontario and Québec signed agreements with China’s Ministry of Science and Technology.

Premiers announced a series of projects in Beijing, the first stop in a three-city mission aimed at exploring business and market opportunities between Canada and China. Details of the signed business agreements and related announcements can be found in the attached Media Backgrounder.

Organized by the Council of the Federation and the Canada China Business Council, the mission will proceed to Chongqing on November 5 and Shanghai on November 6.

The Council of the Federation comprises all thirteen provincial and territorial Premiers. It enables Premiers to work collaboratively to strengthen the Canadian federation by fostering a constructive relationship among the provinces and territories and with the federal government. Expanding trade and relations with China is an important priority of the Council.

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While in Beijing on November 3, 2008 the following agreements were signed:

Accessair Systems Inc. of Québec, a manufacturer of airport equipment, signed an agreement with a group of business people from the Shenyang region of Liaoning province to form an alliance to promote technology transfer and commercialization of products in China. It is estimated that once the commercialization is in place, this affiliation will bring \$3 to \$5 million in sales to Accessair Systems in the next three years.

Atlantic Education International of New Brunswick signed a five-year \$10M agreement with AKD International Inc. that will see New Brunswick's public school curriculum continue to be taught at two schools in Beijing and two schools in Shenzhen. Moreover, at graduation, grade 12 students who have met New Brunswick graduation standards will receive a Chinese and New Brunswick High School diploma.

A second agreement was signed between AKD International Inc., with educational support from the Province of New Brunswick, and Wuhu Education Board to establish a new school in Anhui Province that will also use the New Brunswick High School curriculum. Total value of the project is approximately CDN \$10M.

Canadian Windfields, Solar and Renewable Energy Corp. of Markham, Ontario signed a \$15 million agreement with Wuhan Liren Capital Corp. of Wuhan, China to build and operate a demonstration biomass power generation plant in Ontario at its own expense, and to transfer the ownership of the plant to Canadian WindFields under a BOT transaction. Wuhan Liren will also invest in a manufacturing plant in Ontario to manufacture its biomass power generation systems.

CANLink Aviation Inc. of New Brunswick signed an agreement with Beihang University for the purpose of providing specialized English language support in the field of aviation, and assisting the University source senior pilots to work at the ICAO Training and Testing Centre for 3-month-durations. The approximate value is CDN \$500,000 per year over two years.

China Nonferrous Metals Exploration Co., a newly incorporated junior exploration company based in Markham, Ontario and formed by China Mining of Canada Corp, Beijing Donia Resources Co., and other investors from China, has raised CDN \$5 million from China. The company currently focuses on exploring base and precious metals in northern Ontario.

Concordia University and the China Scholarship Council signed a collaborative arrangement to provide high quality research training to qualified students and postdoctoral fellows from Chinese universities with the aim of developing education and research collaborations in select areas of excellence between Concordia and Chinese universities.

Éconova of Québec City, a company offering services and products in the field of environmental informatics, and Beijing Oriental TITAN Technology Ltd signed an agreement concerning a pilot project aimed at testing a flood alert system.

Electrovaya is entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Chana International Corp. for zero-emission electric vehicles for the North American urban car market. Chana is one of the most renowned carmakers in China with headquarters in Chongqing. Electrovaya is a

global innovator of lithium Ion SuperPolymer® Battery Systems for clean transportation applications with headquarters in Mississauga, Ontario.

Electrovaya is entering into a second MOU with GuangZhou Lange Electric Equipment Co. Ltd. for battery equipment. GuangZhou Lange is a specialty equipment manufacturer with headquarters in GuangZhou.

Electrovaya is entering into a third MOU with Shandong Shifeng Group Co. Ltd. for zero-emission electric vehicles for the North American and global specialty truck market. Shandong Shifeng is a specialized manufacturer of light trucks with headquarters in Shandong. Electrovaya is a global innovator of lithium Ion SuperPolymer® Battery Systems for clean transportation applications with headquarters in Mississauga, Ontario.

Gowlings Lafleur Henderson LLP signed a cooperation agreement with the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT). It is the first agreement of this kind to be signed with a law firm in Canada. This agreement will allow Gowlings Lafleur Henderson to be more present in the Chinese market in the coming months. CCPIT facilitates economic and technological cooperation among Chinese and foreign businesses.

Holland College of Charlottetown, PEI signed an educational joint venture agreement with Zhenjiang College in Zhenjiang, China. The approximate value is CDN \$1 million per year.

JNE has established a stable business relationship with one of the major steel mills in USA and Canada to build a coke plant in Mexico. JNE's agreement with China Metallurgical Group (MCC) is to utilize MCC's skilled workers and experiences in steel industries and relatively lower costs to build the plant.

McMaster University of Hamilton, Ontario signed an agreement with the Beijing Language and Culture University to establish the *Confucius Institute for Culture, Language and Business* at McMaster University. The Institute will nurture collaborative learning and trans-disciplinary approaches.

Moncton Flight College (MFC) of New Brunswick and Beihang Flight College agreed to a five-year flight training program from 2009 – 2014 valued at CDN \$65 million. MFC will train Beihang University's student pilots to the Civil Aviation Authority of China's commercial standard during a one-year program at MFC's campuses in Moncton and Fredericton, New Brunswick. The approximate value is CDN \$65 million.

PCI Geomatics Enterprises Inc. and National Geomatics Centre of China (NGCC) signed a letter of agreement to examine new ways, using high resolution satellite based imagery and new algorithms to automate the extraction of relevant changes and the impact on the environment of rapid urbanisation and sprawl for the city of Tianjin.

PCI Geomatics Enterprises Inc. and the Centre for Earth Observation and Digital Earth (CEODE) signed a second letter of agreement to proceed to the first phase of jointly creating a service designed to automatically generate critical information on Environmental Change and Disaster Assessment using Space Based Earth Observation Technology.

Red River College of Manitoba will expand its partnership with Shenyang Institute of Engineering to include two new combined diploma programs in power-plant engineering and tourism, as well as electrical engineering.

Sparton Resources Inc. is signing a contract agreement with Number 4 Institute of the China National Nuclear Corporation for the final permission and construction of a bulk sample plant to

extract uranium from radioactive waste coal ash using Spartron's patented technology. The agreement will also provide for the future construction of a commercial sized plant to clean up all of the radioactive wash ash in the Lincang area of Yunnan.

University of Winnipeg in Manitoba reached a new agreement with Concord College on a scholarship program for Chinese students attending the University of Winnipeg. As well, University of Winnipeg signed a transfer agreement with TAIE International Institute to allow graduates admittance to the U of W.

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