

Council of the Federation and Canada-China Business Council
Organize Joint China Mission for November

TORONTO, July 7, 2008 – Canada's Premiers together with the Canada China Business Council (CCBC) announced today that they are planning a joint mission to China during the week of November 3, 2008. The mission will visit Beijing, Chongqing and Shanghai and will include Canadian businesses and delegations from at least five jurisdictions.

"CCBC expects participation from a broad range of businesses. We have the support of China's most senior political leaders, and we anticipate a highly successful mission coinciding with CCBC's 30th anniversary," said CCBC President Hon. Sergio Marchi.

The joint mission will explore business opportunities in both the established coastal regions of China, as well as the emerging inland port city of Chongqing in western China.

"With so many Canadian provinces and territories stepping up their trade and investment efforts with China, it makes sense to organize a joint trip for Premiers and their business delegations, allowing Canada to gain more attention in this competitive market," said Québec Premier Jean Charest, who will take over as Chair of the Council of the Federation on July 17.

The Council of the Federation comprises all thirteen provincial and territorial Premiers. The Council 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.

CCBC is the leading enabler for enhanced bilateral trade and investment between Canada and China. It builds better business results for its members and Canada through its work as a trade and investment catalyst, facilitator and advocate. Over its 30-year history, CCBC has developed unique relationships that open doors directly to China and Canada's most influential government and business leaders. CCBC has offices in Toronto, Vancouver, Beijing and Shanghai.

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