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## **Premiers Complete Successful *Canadian Leaders' Mission: China 2008***

**SHANGHAI, November 6, 2008** – A five-day mission to China, a first for the Council of the Federation (COF), concluded today in Shanghai, following stops in the capital city of Beijing and the economically thriving inland port city of Chongqing in central China.

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

While in Chongqing, Premiers met with Mr. Bo Xilai, Secretary of the Party in Chongqing and member of the 17<sup>th</sup> Central Committee of the Party of China, as well as Mr. Huang Qifan, Executive Vice Mayor of Chongqing. Premiers also toured Chongqing's rapidly expanding inland port facility.

With a population of 32 million, Chongqing is as big as Canada. The COF Mission to Chongqing is the largest, single-country foreign delegation to visit this municipality.

While in Shanghai, Premiers Graham, Doer and Ghiz and Mr. Johnson met with Mr. Yu Zhensheng, Shanghai Party Secretary.

Premiers also witnessed the signing of agreements between Canadian and Chinese business leaders. Details of the signed business agreements and related announcements can be found in the attached Media Backgrounder.

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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## MEDIA BACKGROUNDER

### Canadian Leaders' Mission: China 2008 – Shanghai

While in Shanghai on November 6, 2008 the following agreements were signed:

**C-Therm Technologies** of New Brunswick is entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Setaram Instrumentation of France, the global distributor of the C-Therm TCi Thermal Conductivity Analyzer and exclusive distributor of the TCi for China. Setaram (China), with the support of C-Therm, agrees to intensify their sales efforts of the TCi within the Chinese market with a sales target of over CDN \$550,000 over two years.

**Concordia University** signed a mutually beneficial, collaborative agreement with the Shanghai University of Finance and Economics to foster cooperation in education and research and to encourage the exchange of faculty and students in select areas of excellence.

**École Polytechnique de Montréal** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with East China University of Science and Technology to establish a network for the development of scientific and academic cooperation. This agreement will support the mobility of professors, researchers and students, and possible development of joint programs and co-supervision of graduate and post-graduate students.

**Premier Tech Environnement (PTE)** signed an agreement with Wuhan Trust Communication Ltd for the construction of a water purification plant in the Baota river located in Yangxin county, located on the south shore of the Yangtze River. PTE will provide its state of the art technology and equipment to treat the wastewater of 150,000 inhabitants of the Yuangxin region. The factory will begin operations in 2009 and will provide a purification system with a capacity of treating 50,000 tons a day.

The **University of Winnipeg** signed an agreement with Jiangsu Education Services for International Exchange to establish relations between the two institutions and to cooperate in areas such as research, faculty and staff exchange, and short-term academic programs.

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