

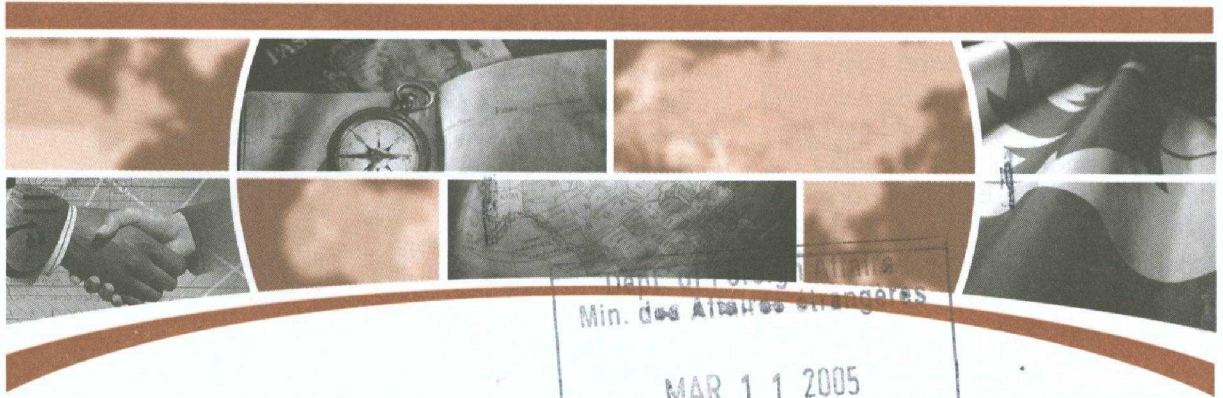
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Trade mission accomplished Canada and China strengthen ties

On January 25, 2005, International Trade Minister Jim Peterson concluded a successful Canada Trade Mission to Shanghai, Beijing and Hong Kong, China—the largest ever led by a trade minister.

During the mission, some 375 Canadian delegates from 279 companies and various government departments and agencies further developed commercial ties in China and established new ones with Chinese partners. In fact, more than 100 agreements were signed in three cities between Canadian and Chinese companies.

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International Trade Minister Jim Peterson meets with Zhou Yupeng, Vice mayor of Shanghai.

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Canadians can help as Angola rebuilds

In response to Canada's efforts on the U.N. Security Council to bring an end to Angola's civil war in 2002, the Angolan government is seeking greater Canadian involvement in the development of its economy. This vast country on the southwestern coast of Africa is endowed with considerable natural resources including oil, diamonds and other mineral products, fertile highlands and abundant water resources.

A recent visit to Ottawa by senior Angolan officials resulted in the signing of the Canada-Angola Joint Declaration of Intent on Strengthened

Bilateral Relations, committing both governments to continue political dialogue in areas such as electoral, judicial and parliamentary reform while promoting trade and investment.

The best opportunities for Canadian companies lie in the supply of technology, equipment and consultancy services. Those that offer technical assistance and technology transfer are preferred to companies interested solely in selling goods. As Angola is in the process of rebuilding, there are business opportunities in almost all sectors.

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