

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON CO-PRODUCTION OF FILMS

To promote cultural and economic co-operation between Canada and China and to stimulate efforts in film co-production between the two countries, the Government of Canada and the Government of the People's Republic of China have, through friendly consultations, reached the following agreement:

ARTICLE 1

The term "co-produced films" in this Agreement means films jointly invested in and produced by producers of the two countries. The scope of co-production includes feature films, documentaries, science films, animated films and commercials (in 70 mm, 35 mm and 16 mm) which can be shown in cinemas, on television, on video recorders, or by other forms of projection, and which are free from restrictions on footage and language.

ARTICLE 2

The Minister of Communications, the authority empowered by the Canadian Government and the Ministry of Radio, Film and Television, the authority empowered by the Government of the People's Republic of China, handle matters covered in this Agreement. Co-production projects defined in this Agreement shall be subject to the approval of these authorities.

ARTICLE 3

All co-produced films shall be regarded as national films in both countries and shall be entitled to all rights and benefits prescribed in current laws and regulations adopted as a result of this Agreement. Producers, studios and production companies may enjoy such rights and benefits available in their respective countries.

ARTICLE 4

To ensure the efficient execution of this Agreement, producers and studios involved in co-productions must have extensive professional knowledge, good organizational ability, strong financial backing and professional reputation.

ARTICLE 5

1. Producers, writers, directors, technicians, actors and other personnel involved in co-production shall be citizens of Canada or the People's Republic of China or permanent residents in Canada or in the People's Republic of China.