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APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CENTRE (IDRC)

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today the appointment of Xi Huida to the Board of Governors of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC).

Mr. Xi, an agronomist, is Director of China's National Centre for Rural Technology Development and an Associate Research Fellow at the Beijing Agricultural University, where he taught from 1953 to 1981. He recently participated in the publication of a white paper on China's science and technology policy.

Mr. Clark also announced the renewal of the term of Dr. Gelia T. Castillo as an IDRC Governor. She is Professor of Rural Sociology at the College of Agriculture of the University of the Philippines at Los Banos. This will be her third term on IDRC's Board.

The International Development Research Centre is a corporation created by the Parliament of Canada in 1970 to initiate, encourage, support and conduct research into the problems of the developing regions of the world and into the means of applying and adapting scientific, technical and other knowledge to the economic and social advancement of those regions.