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GOVERNOR GENERAL TO VISIT GUANGDONG

His Excellency the Right Honourable Ramon John Hnatyshyn, Governor General and Commander in Chief of Canada, will pay an official visit to the Province of Guangdong in the People's Republic of China from May 2 to May 3, 1994. The Governor General will be accompanied by the Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, and a delegation representing some of Canada's leading agri-food industries.

The visit is being held in conjunction with a major trade initiative by the Government of Canada and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, which has helped organize a Canada-Hong Kong-China Week within the framework of the Pearl River Delta Festival.

During the visit, the Governor General will meet with His Excellency Zhu Senlin, Governor of Guangdong Province. On Tuesday, May 3, His Excellency will address faculty and students at Zhongshan University. Later that morning he will cut the ribbon inaugurating a new packet switching service developed by Northern Telecom. The Governor General will then speak at the opening of the National Conference on Hospital Management and Services. That evening he will address the guests at a dinner hosted by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong. A summary of the Governor General's program is attached.

The Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food's program will include bilateral meetings with local government and industry leaders and private business people. The Minister will promote awareness of Canada's capacity as a supplier of high-quality agri-food products, as well as Canadian advances in food-processing, food-handling and marketing abilities. He and members of the agricultural delegation will pursue the development of joint opportunities between Canada and China in the Asia-Pacific region.

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