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UNDERSTANDINGS WITH THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
ON CONSULAR AND OTHER MATTERS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. Mark MacGuigan, announced today an exchange of notes between Canada and the People's Republic of China constituting understandings on consular and other matters. The notes were signed in Ottawa today by Herb Gray, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce on behalf of the Government of Canada and His Excellency Bo Yibo, Vice Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, who is on an official visit to Canada, on behalf of the Government of the People's Republic of China.

The two sets of notes, which supplement understandings reached between the two governments in 1973, concern, among other things, the right to establish Consulates General by each country in the territory of the other and the provision of additional resources for the family reunification programme, under which Chinese citizens immigrate to Canada to join members of their families. Under this programme, some 5,600 Chinese entered Canada between its inception and the end of 1979.

China, which established a Consulate General in Vancouver in 1974, obtains the right to establish a Consulate General in Toronto. Canada obtains the right to open Consulates General in Shanghai and Canton.