

It's a clear commitment by both countries to work together—to bring our S&T sectors closer together, to encourage high-tech partnerships, and to combine Canadian and Chinese technology and drive it into the marketplace.

Importantly, this agreement will respect the value of human creativity and innovation. It will include strong intellectual property provisions.

Beyond telling a new story about Canada, we have to step up our game on the ground in markets like China.

Today our Trade Commissioners in China are actively supporting more than 3,000 companies across a range of sectors.

But they are stretched very thin.

The Global Commerce Strategy will boost our capacity to serve this market.

Our approach will recognize that the Chinese market is not uniform or monolithic.

It's a network of 28 regions, with numerous subsectors and niche opportunities.

Canadian companies, large and small, can succeed in China, and we will be there in focused, practical ways to ensure that they do.

Transportation and Logistics... Advantage Canada recognizes that successful global engagement requires highly developed transportation connections, and it commits Canada to ambitious improvements.

We're committed to globally competitive gateways and corridors connecting Asia with North America with a comprehensive strategy called the Asia-Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative.

The Prime Minister is committed and the Government of Canada is committed.

Canada's West Coast ports—Vancouver and Prince Rupert—are two to three days closer to key Asian ports than those of our American competitors.

Our ports and airports are tightly integrated with road and rail connections reaching deep into the North American heartland. It's a total transportation and logistical system that we are improving and expanding on.

The private sector, together with the federal and provincial governments, is investing billions to upgrade transportation infrastructure.