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TRADE MINISTER KELLEHER COMPLETES VISIT
TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Canada's Minister for International Trade, the Honourable James Kelleher, has just completed a four-day visit to China capping of a two week tour of Asian countries that took him to Osaka, Seoul, Shanghai and Beijing.

"Following the establishment of our National Trade Strategy, I took the decision last year to double our trade representation in China," the Minister said. "The visit has assured me that the trade opportunities justify that priority."

The opening of a Canadian Consulate General in Shanghai and the sod-turning ceremony at the site of the new Canadian Embassy to be built in Beijing further reinforced Canada's long term commitment to expanding relations with China.

"Shanghai is China's most important commercial and industrial centre," the Minister noted. "Over the next five years Shanghai will undertake major projects to modernize its airport, harbour facilities and build a subway system to serve its twelve million people."

"My discussions with the Mayor and other leading figures in Shanghai made clear that they welcome Canadian participation in the development plans for this region. Our Consulate General will be well placed to help Canadian business get in on these opportunities," the Minister said.

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