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The future of Canada-China trade relations

The recent state visit to Canada by Chinese President Hu Jintao was an important event in the new era of Canada-China relations. Seven new bilateral agreements were announced to enhance co-operation in the fields of transportation, railways, nuclear energy research and development, food safety, plant and animal health and reproductive health. These initiatives show a strong mutual commitment to realizing bilateral trade potential, and will go a long way towards realizing Canada's stated objective of doubling the level of its economic exchanges with China by the year 2010.

For example, the air transportation treaty announced by Prime Minister Martin and President Hu will permit a threefold increase in passenger and cargo flights. This will increase the flow of businesspeople, tourists, students and merchandise travelling between the two countries.

The Joint Science and Technology (S&T) Declaration announced during the visit will facilitate cooperative activities between Canadian and Chinese organizations, including the private sector. This is an important step in Canada's discussions with the Chinese on a S&T agreement and these negotiations are expected to be completed by year-end.



Prime Minister Martin meets with
Chinese President Hu Jintao.

Photo: Dave Chan-PMO.

The visit also served to highlight how our relationship with China is evolving into a multi-faceted and increasingly interdependent relationship. *see page 5 - Canada-China trade relations*

Canada Business Day hits the Netherlands

Rotterdam, the Netherlands, November 15, 2005 >
The Canadian Embassy in the Netherlands, together with the Netherlands-Canadian Chamber of Commerce (NCCC), is organizing a Canada Business Day to raise awareness among the Dutch business community for Canada's potential as the "gateway to North America".

While the emphasis will be on investment and technology partnering in Canada, exporting will also be covered. Other partners include Montréal

International, Invest Québec, Agriculture and Agri-food Canada and the Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation. Leading Canadian high tech firms Mitel and Research in Motion are also part of the program. Successful Canadian entrepreneur Terry Matthews, Chairman of Mitel Corporation, will be the keynote speaker at the NCCC's Annual Luncheon which will be held as part of the event.

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