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A message of appreciation for Canadian relief assistance to China has been received by the Canadian Ambassador in Nanking, the Honourable T. C. Davis, from the Director-General of the Chinese National Relief and Rehabilitation Administration in Shanghai, Mr. P. H. Ho, the Department of External Affairs announced today.

In a letter to Mr. Davis, Mr. Ho said:

"The closure of CNRRA operations gives me an opportunity to express to you, and through you to your Government, my appreciation and that of the Administration for the great contribution your country has made to relief and rehabilitation in China.

"The material contribution from your Government has been a large one, but of equal importance to us has been the work of the Canadian nationals who have worked shoulder to shoulder with us during the past two years. Some of these have been programme personnel, who have had an opportunity of serving directly with their Chinese colleagues and in this way they have added to the success of this aspect of our Programme, which is one that has always been very close to our hearts. We know that the pattern which we have worked out in this connection will be one which can be followed whenever foreign assistance is given to China in the future.

"I am sure you share my satisfaction with the establishment of the Trusteeship and the Rehabilitation Commission which will be in a position to continue the work of UNRRA and CNRRA in certain long-term projects."