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A \$1.5 MILLION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND INFO HOT-LINE FOR CHINESE STUDENTS IN CANADA

OTTAWA--The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark and External Relations and International Development Minister, the Honourable Monique Landry, today announced a series of measures to assist Chinese students in Canada.

They said that the Federal Government, through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), will make up to \$1.5 million available to launch a national initiative to assist Chinese students in Canada. Up to \$1 million of these funds will be used to establish a National Coordination Office managed by the Canadian Bureau of International Education (CBIE) in partnership with the Chinese Canadian National Council (CCNC). It will provide Chinese students with information, counselling and referral services as well as emergency financial assistance.

"These services will be given in the strictest confidentiality, to ensure the security of the students who need assistance," Joe Clark stressed.

CBIE and CCNC will work together to mobilize resources across Canada, drawing on the support from their respective networks and reaching out to communities, institutions, provincial governments, non-governmental organizations, and business.

Mrs. Landry said that CIDA will provide \$300,000 to an emergency fund to be administered by the National Coordination Office. "I hope Canadians across the country will also respond generously to help Chinese students meet their needs".

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