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QUELLET SIGNS TWO AGREEMENTS WITH HONG KONG

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet signed in Hong Kong today two Canada-Hong Kong agreements: a Memorandum of Understanding on Cultural Cooperation, and an extension of the Agreement on the Investigation of Drug Trafficking and Confiscation of the Proceeds of Drug Trafficking. James So, Secretary for Culture and Recreation, and Secretary for Security Alistair P. Asprey, signed on behalf of Hong Kong.

"These agreements are further evidence of the strength and diversity of Canada's relations with Hong Kong. Our social and cultural ties have grown in importance over the years and the agreements we have just signed provide a framework for further expansion of a cooperation that is already at a significant level," said Mr. Ouellet.

Under the cultural cooperation agreement, the two governments will encourage exchanges of artists, athletes, academics and others involved in cultural or sports activities. They will also promote cooperation in such fields as cinematography, publishing and broadcasting.

The Agreement on Drug Trafficking was first signed on November 14, 1990. It has facilitated the cooperation between Canada and Hong Kong authorities in the fight against drug trafficking.

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