"Later in the year, we plan to stage our own Canadian solo event in Singapore involving 20-25 Canadian firms, to which we will invite a broad spectrum of the Singapore business community. This will be the first time that a western country has given full recognition to the concept of Singapore as a Gateway to China".

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