

## Canada China Business Council

- The Canada China Business Council (CCBC) will host its 14th annual general meeting and policy conference from Nov. 7 to 9 in Beijing, to coincide with Team Canada's trip to the People's Republic of China Nov. 5 to 13. Minister of International Trade MacLaren will be opening the meeting.
- One of the conference highlights will be the Team Canada Forum, scheduled for Nov. 8. Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, federal ministers and provincial premiers will hold talks with Canadian business representatives on Canada-China trade and investment issues.
- The conference will include discussions on the performance of the Chinese economy as well as panels on infrastructure financing, joint venture law, business case studies, and the role of debt and equity investment.
- The guest of honour at the annual CCBC banquet on Nov. 8 will be Prime Minister Chrétien. More than 1,500 guests will attend, including senior Chinese officials and business representatives involved in joint ventures with Canadian companies.
- The business program for Team Canada delegates is being planned by the CCBC. The Business Council on National Issues, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong are also participating in the program.
- The CCBC has been involved in a number of Canadian missions over the past year.
- A private sector, non-profit, non-governmental organization, the CCBC was established in 1978 to promote trade and investment between Canada and the People's Republic of China.
- The CCBC's services include participating in technical discussions and commercial negotiations; preparing market surveys; providing on-site interpretation and translation services; ongoing liaison with Canadian and Chinese officials; and publishing Canada's only China business magazine, *Canada China Business Forum*.
- The CCBC's membership now consists of more than 170 firms. Its head office is in Toronto, with branch offices located in Beijing, Shanghai and Vancouver.