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MACLAREN ANNOUNCES VISIT OF CHINESE VICE-PREMIER ZOU JIAHUA

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, today announced that His Excellency Zou Jiahua, Vice-Premier of the People's Republic of China, will make an official visit to Canada April 18 to 27.

The Vice-Premier will visit Vancouver April 18-19, Toronto April 20-23, Montreal April 24-25, and Ottawa April 26-27. The visit follows Mr. MacLaren's recent trade mission to China.

The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada, will meet with Vice-Premier Zou on April 27 in Ottawa and will also host a farewell luncheon in his honour.

Upon arrival in Vancouver, the Vice-Premier will be greeted by the Honourable Raymond Chan, Secretary of State (Asia Pacific). During his visit, Mr. Zou will meet with British Columbia Premier Michael Harcourt, Ontario Premier Bob Rae and Quebec Premier Daniel Johnson.

The visit will focus on trade and economic relations between Canada and China, and will provide the opportunity to discuss other aspects of the bilateral relationship.

As the Vice-Premier with primary responsibility for infrastructure planning and development, Mr. Zou will hold talks with Mr. MacLaren on China-Canada co-operation. Discussions are expected to centre on co-operation in the key export sectors of telecommunications, electrical power generation and transmission, transportation, environment and financial services.

The Vice-Premier will also visit several leading Canadian companies.

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