

In addition, Mr. Lee Ping-ji, First Secretary, and Miss Lucy Tou, Attache, will also join the staff of the Mission at an early date.

Prior to his present appointment Dr. Liu was Director of the European Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China.

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Address delivered by the Chinese Minister, Dr. Liu Shih Shun, when presenting Letter of Credence to the Governor General, at Government House, February 26, 1942.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to present to your Excellency the Letters which accredit me as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Republic of China to His Britannic Majesty in respect of the Dominion of Canada. In doing so, I wish to take the opportunity to request you to convey to His Majesty the cordial greetings of His Excellency the Chairman of the National Government of the Republic of China as well as his best wishes for His Majesty's health and for the welfare and prosperity of Canada and the Canadian people.

It is well-known that the relations between China and Canada have long been of the happiest and most friendly kind. The decision to exchange diplomatic missions has arisen from their mutual desire to develop and promote that co-operation between them which is already in evidence. That the decision is well-taken and timely is clearly manifested by the trend of world events.

To-day, both in Europe and in Asia, a war of stupendous magnitude is raging over land and sea. All the law-abiding and freedom-loving peoples of the world are engaged in a bitter struggle against the onslaught of the cohorts of barbarism and despotism. The combined forces of the democratic front are forging ahead with redoubled energy and are determined to carry on the fight until their common victory is achieved.

Throughout this struggle, the vitality, resourcefulness and undaunted courage of the Canadians have aroused the profound sympathy and admiration of the Chinese people. Now that the two nations are fighting shoulder to shoulder in defence of freedom, justice and civilization, we are confident that their community of interest and comradeship in arms are destined to form a firm foundation for an ever-increasing and lasting friendship.

I fully sense the honour my Government has done me by entrusting me with this important mission; and, with a view to its fulfilment, I bespeak Your Excellency's kindly support.

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