

# TRADE FAIRS AROUND THE WORLD

## Agro Vietnam 95

**Ho Chi Minh City** — The new Ho Chi Minh International Exhibition and Convention Centre will be the venue for a new trade fair, **AGRO VIETNAM 95**, which will be held June 20-23, 1995.

This trade fair will cover the most important areas of the agro and agro-industrial sector and will be organized yearly by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Vietnam. The Vietnamese Ministry of Agriculture and Food is sponsoring this event.

Companies interested in obtaining additional information on **AGRO VIETNAM 95** should contact the show's Canadian representative, Unilink International Media, 50 Weybright Court, Unit 41, Agincourt,

Ontario M1S 5A8. Tel.: (416) 291-6359. Fax: (416) 291-0025.

## Sino-Ocean'95

**Qingdao** — Ocean science and technology companies from around the world are expected to attend **SINO-OCEAN'95** being held in this coastal Chinese city from May 17-21, 1995.

Held every second year (the first being in 1991), the **China International Ocean Science and Technology Development Exhibition (SINO-OCEAN)** provides a good opportunity for companies in the field to explore or enhance trade, as well as attend technical exchange seminars.

With some 18,000 kilometres of coastline and with a new openness to business, China increasingly is pay-

ing more attention to cultivating and utilizing its sea resources — for which it is in need of advanced technology, equipment and financing.

Among the exhibits at **SINO-OCEAN** will be technology and equipment for: marine cultivation; marine cultivation; navigation and telecommunications systems; sea water desalination; shipbuilding; harbour construction; sea food processing; and ocean resources surveying.

Coordinating the promotion in Canada of **SINO-OCEAN'95** is Dr. Liming Sun, who may be contacted for more information at: 15 Eastwood Place, Suite 7, Ottawa, Ontario K1L 6X1. Tel.: (613) 741-8666. Fax: (613) 741-2106. In Toronto, tel.: (416) 532-7371.

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by the General Council, which will serve as both the Dispute Settlement Body and the Trade Review Body. In dealing with disputes, the Dispute Settlement Body will be subject to rules that set out a process of timely settlement according to a specified schedule.

- The WTO will co-ordinate the functioning of the Goods Council, the Services Council and the Intellectual Property Council.

- The Goods Council will oversee the functioning of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) 1994 and 12 other agreements related to trade in goods, including the agreements on anti-dumping, subsidies and countervailing measures, trade-related investments measures, agriculture and textiles.

- Also, separate councils will oversee the General Agreement on

Trade in Services (GATS) and the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS).

- The agreement enshrines the Trade Policy Review Mechanism, which keeps members informed of changes in each other's trade policies and requires them to explain their trade actions.

### Benefits to Canada

- The WTO will help strengthen and improve the functioning of the multilateral trading system.

- The WTO will help reduce the use of unilateral trade actions in response to perceived unfair or unreasonable trade practices.

- The WTO-administered dispute-settlement process will prevent a single member from blocking the adoption of reports of trade-dispute panels or, on appeal, of

appellate bodies.

- The WTO will contribute to a further strengthening of the rule of law in world trade and will further diminish the ability of the most powerful economies to interfere with the markets, goods and services of smaller economies. This is important for Canada, which has a relatively small population but a significant dependence on trade.

## Where's Guangzhou?

The 1994 edition of the Directory of the Canadian Trade Commissioner Service contained an error in the listing of the Consulate of Canada in Guangzhou, China. The listing should have appeared following Shanghai, China, not Hong Kong.