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CANADA-CHINA FRIENDSHIP MONTH IN CHINA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today Canada's major promotional campaign in China during the month of May. "Canada-China Friendship Month" will feature a series of trade development, cultural, educational and sports events - all designed to give the Chinese a greater understanding of Canada.

In announcing the "Friendship Month", Mr. Clark said that the May program "underscores the importance with which the Canadian government views the continued expansion of our excellent relationship with China. We hope that Canada-China Friendship Month will contribute to even further understanding and cooperation between the people of Canada and China."

Activities during "Friendship Month" will include:

- signing of Canada-China Memorandum of Understanding in Forestry
- trade missions in the forestry, oil and gas, agriculture and power generation sectors
- exhibit of Emily Carr paintings
- lectures on Canadian Studies at two universities in Shanghai
- piano performances by Canadian pianist, Angela Cheng
- National Film Board 50th Anniversary retrospective
- master classes at sports clinics by Olympic gold medal winners in synchronized swimming, Carolyn Waldo and Michelle Cameron

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- inauguration of the Canadian International Development Agency-funded Management Education Executive Training Program and a series of technical and scholarly seminars
- official opening of wood-frame construction project sponsored by the Council of Forest Industries of British Columbia.

Although most of the events will take place in Beijing, other Chinese cities, including Shanghai, Shenyang, Chengdu and Harbin will also host special delegations or events during the month.

Canada established diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China in 1970, well before most western countries. In 1988, bilateral trade between the two countries exceeded \$3.5 billion.

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