

MEDIA ADVISORY

Media Are Invited to *Canadian Leaders' Mission: China 2008, November 2 to 7, 2008*

OTTAWA, September 24, 2008 – The Council of the Federation, together with the Canada China Business Council (CCBC) will lead a joint mission to China from November 2 to 7, 2008.

The Premiers of Québec, Ontario, New Brunswick, Manitoba and Prince Edward Island, along with Canadian business leaders, will participate in events in Beijing, Chongqing and Shanghai where senior Chinese government leaders and business leaders are expected to join them. Business delegations will be drawn from the following sectors: agri-food, education, environment, and transportation equipment and services.

Mission events will reflect the growing trade relationship between Canada and China, and will explore business and market opportunities between the two countries.

The preliminary program is:

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| November 2 | Arrival in Beijing. Events begin in the evening. |
| November 3 | Events in Beijing continue. Gala banquet in the evening. |
| November 4 | Individual Provincial events in Beijing. Travel to Chongqing in the late afternoon. |
| November 5 | Events in Chongqing. Banquet dinner in the evening. |
| November 6 | Travel to Shanghai in the early morning. Events in Shanghai. Banquet dinner in the evening. |
| November 7 | Individual Provincial Events in Shanghai. Mission concludes. |

Media representatives are invited to cover the *Canadian Leaders' Mission: China 2008* and can attend all open events including plenary sessions, photo ops, news conferences, etc. Media are responsible for their own individual costs, including international travel, accommodation, meals, etc. Domestic flights between the three cities can be arranged for a cost of \$500 CDN.

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Interested media should contact their provincial contact, as noted below, by October 1, 2008. For all other inquiries, please contact the Council of the Federation Secretariat as noted below.

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