Visit to the People’s Republic of China 2010
by Their Excellencies
The Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada
and
Mr. Jean-Daniel Lafond

Delegation

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At the request of the Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada, and at the invitation of the government of the People’s Republic of China, Their Excellencies the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada, and Mr. Jean-Daniel Lafond, along with their daughter Marie-Éden, will conduct a visit to China, from June 30 to July 5, 2010. They will be accompanied by Canadian delegates working in various fields.

This State visit will highlight the numerous partnerships that Canada and China have developed and, along with the accompanying delegation, they will explore opportunities to strengthen and diversify these partnerships.

“I am very much looking forward to undertaking this important visit to mark 40 years of diplomatic relations with China, a friend to Canada and an important partner whose significant role we have recognized and promoted within the international community. What we have accomplished together over the last four decades is remarkable and I am certain the future will be just as promising.

It is always a tremendous honour to represent Canada and its values and perspectives around the world. After greeting Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in Halifax, I will travel to China, stopping first in Shanghai, where Expo 2010 has chosen to celebrate Canada on July 1. It is with pride that I will tell the people of China, on behalf of all Canadians, how much we cherish the strong, historical ties that unite us.”

—Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada

The public can follow the visit to China through the speeches, photos and videos available daily at www.gg.ca. Blogs written by Their Excellencies and the delegates will be posted on www.citizenvoices.gg.ca.

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Michaëlle Jean was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. She immigrated to Canada with her family in 1968, fleeing the dictatorial regime of the time. After studying comparative literature at the Université de Montréal, she taught Italian in the Université’s Department of Literature and Modern Languages. During her studies, Ms. Jean worked for eight years with Quebec shelters for battered women, while actively contributing to the establishment of a network of emergency shelters throughout Quebec and elsewhere in Canada. She later ventured into journalism and became a highly regarded journalist and anchor of information programs at Radio-Canada television and CBC Newsworld. She is married to Jean-Daniel Lafond and they have a daughter, Marie-Éden. Sworn in on September 27, 2005, the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, 27th governor general since Confederation in 1867, carries out the duties of head of State. As governor general of Canada, she wants her position to be a place where dialogue prevails and where the words of citizens are heard.
His Excellency Jean-Daniel Lafond

Born in France, Jean-Daniel Lafond taught philosophy and wrote film reviews for *La Revue du Cinéma*, while carrying out research in educational sciences and specializing in media pedagogy. He came to Canada in 1974 and became a Canadian citizen in 1981. He has since devoted his time to cinema, writing, radio and theatre. In 1985, he directed his first feature length documentary, *Dream Tracks*, for the National Film Board (NFB). He has since written and directed more than a dozen films that embody his commitment to creative documentary filmmaking. His films have received numerous awards in Canada and abroad, including the Prix Lumière in 1999. He was also appointed Companion of the Order of Canada in 2005. His most recent work includes *Madwoman of God*, a feature film inspired by the written work of Marie de l’Incarnation (1599-1672) and *The Madness of Love*. He is married to the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada, and is actively involved in the responsibilities of the office. He has enthusiastically embarked on two ambitious projects while at Rideau Hall: *Art Matters* and the *Citizen Voices* Web site.
The Honourable Jim Prentice
Minister of the Environment

Jim Prentice was elected to the House of Commons in 2004, and re-elected in 2006 and 2008. He was named minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and federal interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians in February 2006, and minister of Industry in August 2007. He was sworn in as minister of the Environment on October 30, 2008. A lawyer by profession, Mr. Prentice has specialized in property rights and has focused on relocations, environmental protection suits and restricted development areas. He also served as a commissioner of the Indian Specific Claims Commission of Canada for 10 years and is recognized by his peers as an expert in land claims negotiations. Mr. Prentice travelled to South Africa twice as an expert advisor on how to protect property rights in that country’s new constitution.

He graduated from the University of Alberta and holds a law degree from Dalhousie University.

Mr. Prentice has lived in Calgary for over 20 years with his wife Karen and their three daughters.
David Mulroney
Ambassador of Canada to the People’s Republic of China

Mr. David Mulroney was appointed ambassador of Canada to the People’s Republic of China, in 2009.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Mulroney was assigned to the Privy Council Office, in Ottawa, as the deputy minister responsible for the Afghanistan Task Force, overseeing inter-departmental coordination of all aspects of Canada’s engagement in Afghanistan. He also served as secretary to the Independent Panel on Canada’s Future Role in Afghanistan (“the Manley Panel”).

Mr. Mulroney’s other assignments have included serving as associate deputy minister of Foreign Affairs and, concurrently, as the prime minister’s personal representative to the G8 Summit. Immediately prior to that, he served as foreign and defence policy advisor to the prime minister of Canada.

A career Foreign Service officer, joining in 1981, Mr. Mulroney has had a series of senior appointments in the Foreign Affairs department, in Ottawa, including four years as Canada’s senior official for Asia Pacific Cooperation (APEC). He has served on overseas assignments in Taipei, Kuala Lumpur, Shanghai and Seoul. From 1995 to 1998, he was executive director of the Canada-China Business Council.

Mr. Mulroney graduated with a BA from the University of Toronto, where he received the Governor General’s Gold Medal in English, in 1978. He also participated in full-time Mandarin instruction at the Canadian Forces Language School, in Ottawa.

Mr. Mulroney, who was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, is married to Janet Wakely and has three children, Aidan, Kate and Sean.
Ken Sunquist
Assistant Deputy Minister, Asia and Africa
and Chief Trade Commissioner
Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade

Ken Sunquist holds a BAdmin from the University of Saskatchewan (1970); an MPA, received in San Francisco (1982); and has graduated from the Banff School of Advanced Management (1990). He joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1973, and has served abroad in Kingston, Belgrade, San Francisco, Seoul and Beijing (as minister, Commercial/Economic). From 1998-2001, he served as Canadian ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia.

His assignments at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) headquarters have included director, Export Information Division; acting director general, Trade Communications Bureau; director, Trade Development Liaison and Special Projects Division; coordinator, Trade Development Policy Secretariat; and director general, Trade Commissioner Service Operations and Services. In the Department of International Trade, he was assistant deputy minister, International Business, and chief trade commissioner. Subsequently, in DFAIT, he held the positions of assistant deputy minister, World Markets Branch, and then assistant deputy minister, Global Operations. Effective September 1, 2008, he was appointed assistant deputy minister, Asia and Africa, and chief trade commissioner.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Commercial Corporation; the Board of Governors of the National Quality Institute; the Board of Directors of the Canada-China Business Council; the Estey Centre for Law and Economics in International Trade; the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada; the Board of the Trade Facilitation Office Canada; and the Advisory Board of the Telfer School of Business. He also recently completed the Chartered Directors Course of Studies.

Mr. Sunquist was the 1996 recipient of the Minister’s Award for Foreign Policy Excellence, received the 1997 Public Service Award of Excellence in Policy Development, and, in 2005, was awarded the Public Service Award of Excellence in Management. He is married to Carolyn Sunquist and they have two sons.
Carmen Sylvain is a native of Alberta and a graduate of San Jose University, in California (European History), and of Carleton University, in Ottawa (MA Public Administration). She began her career at Radio Canada, in 1986, before joining the federal government. She has served in numerous departments, including Secretary of State of Canada, Privy Council Office, Canadian Heritage, Communications, and Foreign Affairs and International Trade. Ms. Sylvain was responsible for Canada’s participation in world fairs in Portugal and Germany, where she served as deputy commissioner general for Canada. She served eight years as president of the Executive Commission of the Bureau of International Exhibitions. In this capacity, she chaired enquiry missions for Expo bids, including the Shanghai Expo 2010 bid.

In 2001, she joined Foreign Affairs and International Trade and has since served in the Middle East and Africa Bureau, as well as being ambassador to the Kingdom of Morocco and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania; director general for Bilateral Commercial Relations for Europe, Africa and the Middle East; and director general of the European Union Bureau.
Emmanuelle Sajous
Deputy Secretary and Deputy Herald Chancellor
Office of the Secretary of the Governor General

Ms. Emmanuelle Sajous was born in France and spent her childhood in Moncton, New Brunswick. She holds a master’s degree in public administration and a certificate in law. She also undertook doctoral studies in political science at l’Université Laval before joining the public service in 1992, as a management trainee. After working for a number of federal institutions including the Canadian Human Rights Commission and the Public Service Commission, she joined the Privy Council Office in 1999, where she became director of leadership development and human resources policy.

In 2005, she joined the Office of the Secretary of the Governor General. She is currently deputy secretary to the Governor General, with responsibility for the Chancellery of Honours, as well as Policy, Program and Protocol branch, which delivers the Governor General’s program at home and abroad.
Mr. Robert Peck is a graduate of Concordia University, in Montréal. After joining the Canadian Foreign Service, in 1982, Mr. Peck served in Ottawa, as well as at the Canadian High Commission in Lagos, Nigeria, and the Canadian Embassy in Berne, Switzerland.

While at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) headquarters, Mr. Peck worked in Corporate Management, Personnel, and the Media Relations Office. From 1993 to 1995, Mr. Peck, served as press secretary and departmental spokesperson to two ministers of Foreign Affairs before being posted to the Canadian Embassy in Athens, Greece, from 1994 to 1997.

Mr. Peck was director of the Media Relations Office at DFAIT, from 1999 to 2000. During a leave of absence from DFAIT, from 2000 to 2002, Mr. Peck was director of Corporate Affairs and Investor Relations at aerospace leader CAE Inc., in Montréal. Upon his return to DFAIT, he was named director of the West and Central Africa Division, a position he held until 2004. Mr. Peck served as Canada’s ambassador to the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria, from 2004 to 2007, after which he was named chief of protocol in Canada.
Dr. Robert Armstrong
Associate Professor and Head of Pediatrics
University of British Columbia
Chief of Pediatric Medicine, BC Children’s Hospital
and BC Women’s Hospital Provincial Health Services Authority

Dr. Robert Armstrong was born in Vancouver, British Columbia. Following his undergraduate degree at Simon Fraser University, he went on to complete MD, MSc, and PhD degrees at McMaster University, as well as specialty training in pediatrics and developmental pediatrics at McMaster University and the University of British Columbia (UBC). He joined the UBC faculty in 1987 and has held a number of leadership roles at UBC and the BC Children’s Hospital over this time. Dr. Armstrong was one of the leaders in the development of the discipline of developmental pediatrics. His clinical work is primarily with children who have physical disabilities and his research has been focused on better understanding factors influencing healthy development in children who are at risk. Dr. Armstrong helped to establish the Provincial Child Health Network, a collaborative approach to ensure quality health care for all children in BC. He is past president of the Pediatric Chairs of Canada, the founding Chair of the Canadian Child and Youth Health Coalition, and past President of the American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine. Dr. Armstrong also led the development of the Centre for International Child Health (CICH), which promotes and supports the global child health initiatives of the BC Children’s Hospital and Department of Pediatrics. He has worked to build partnerships with pediatric hospitals in China with active programs of training and exchange with the Children’s Hospital of Fudan University, in Shanghai, and the Women and Children’s Hospital, in Guangzhou. In July, Dr. Armstrong will be moving to Nairobi, Kenya, to be the founding dean of medicine at the new Faculty of Health Sciences for East Africa being established by the Aga Khan University.
Dr. Ming Tat Cheung
President, Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto

Dr. Ming Tat Cheung has been a clinical cardiologist for many years. His various past professional involvements include: council member of the Ontario Medical Association; president of the Clinical Society and chief of Cardiology and Internal Medicine, at Humber Memorial Hospital; and a lecturer at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Medicine.

Dr. Cheung has been heavily involved in community volunteer work for over 30 years. He has been the chairman and president of the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto since its inception in 1989. The Centre is the largest Chinese cultural centre in North America. Its mandate is to promote cultural understanding and share Chinese culture with Canadians of all ethnic backgrounds.

Dr. Cheung chaired the Community Coalition Concerned about SARS, a coalition of over 60 community groups joined together to assist victims, fight stigmatization and discrimination, and raise funds for SARS research during the outbreak of 2003. He organized numerous fundraising functions following the Asian tsunamis and South Asian earthquakes, in 2005, and chaired fundraising banquet for the Sichuan’s Wenchuan Earthquake Relief, in 2008. He also initiated and chaired a fundraising project for Haiti Earthquake Relief, in 2010, through which 80 community groups from Chinese and other Asian communities jointly raised over a quarter of a million dollars for the victims of the earthquake.

Dr. Cheung is currently a director of the Management Board of the Toronto Zoo. He has been elected to chair the “Panda Acquisition Task Force” for the zoo, which is involved in efforts to secure a loan of giant pandas from China. Dr. Cheung visited the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding two years ago and believes that successfully obtaining a loan of pandas to Canada would be a significant symbol of friendship between people of both countries.
Louise Déry holds a PhD in art history and has been the director of the Galerie de l’UQAM, in Montréal, since 1997. An exhibition curator and essayist, she teaches museology and art history, and has served as curator of contemporary art at the Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec and at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts.

She has realized projects featuring individual contemporary artists, including Geneviève Cadieux (S.A.L.E.S., Rome), Françoise Sullivan (Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec; Galerie de l’UQAM), Dominique Blain (Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec; Sala Uno, Rome; Anselm Adams Center, San Francisco; Galerie de l’UQAM), Roberto Pellegrinuzzi (Studio Pino Casagrande, Rome; Maison européenne de la photographie, Paris; Galerie de l’UQAM), Jana Sterbak (Canadian Embassy and The Loft, Beijing; Galerie de l’UQAM; Il Laboratorio, La Sapienza University, Rome), Rober Racine (Site Odéon °5, Paris; Musée d’art moderne et d’art contemporain, Nice; La Nube di Oort, Rome; Canadian Embassy Gallery, Tokyo), and David Altmejd (Oakville Galleries; Illingworth Kerr Gallery, Calgary; Galerie de l’UQAM). As a curator of group exhibitions, she has been working with many artists in Barcelona, Paris and Istanbul.

She is the author of more than 50 exhibition catalogues and essays in specialised magazines and journals. Her proposal for an exhibition with the artist David Altmejd was selected to represent Canada at the 52nd Venice Biennale, in 2007. That same year, she received the first Hnatyshyn Foundation Award for Curatorial Excellence in Contemporary Visual Arts.
V. Peter Harder
President, Canada China Business Council, and
Senior Policy Advisor, Fraser Milner Casgrain

Mr. Peter Harder is senior policy advisor to Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP (FMC). He possesses a wealth of expertise in public policy as a result of his involvement at the centre of government decision making for over 30 years.

Prior to joining FMC, Mr. Harder was the longest serving deputy minister in the Government of Canada. First appointed a deputy minister in 1991, he served as the most senior public servant in a number of federal departments, including Treasury Board, Solicitor General, Citizenship and Immigration, Industry, and Foreign Affairs and International Trade. At Foreign Affairs, he assumed the responsibilities of the personal representative of the prime minister at three G8 summits (Sea Island, Gleneagles and St. Petersburg). Mr. Harder served as co-chair of the Canada China Strategic Working Group.

In addition to sitting on several corporate and non-profit boards, Mr. Harder was elected the president of the Canada China Business Council (CCBC), in 2008. The CCBC is the country’s Canada-China bilateral trade and investment facilitator, catalyst and advocate, bringing more than three decades of experience and business relationship building to its members. A private, not-for-profit business association, CCBC is dedicated to building its members’ business success in China and Canada by offering unmatched business service and support.
Leng Hong
Artist, Painter

Leng Hong was born in Shanghai, China. He graduated from the Shanghai Theater Academy in Fine Arts, in 1978. He went on to work as a researcher and professor at the Chinese Painting Institute of Shanghai, between 1978 and 1986. He went to France in 1986 and, since 1992, he has been living and working in Canada, holding numerous solo exhibitions in museums, galleries and international art fairs in China, Canada, Japan, France, Germany, Great Britain and the United States. His works have been sold nationally and internationally at various auctions.

Mr. Hong is one of the few great oil painters of modern Chinese art. His works are masterful oils, paintings thickened with marble impasto for depth, and his subject matters trace back to the Tang and Song dynasties. His dialogue is poetic, his colours tertiary, and the ancient history he references is ingeniously counter-balanced with an expressionist treatment of distortion and composition.

Mr. Hong is one of the finest oil painters of modern 20th-century China, who emerged as a leading artist of the 1980s New Wave Art Movement. He is, then as now, an experienced master.
Jack Jedwab is currently the executive director of the Association for Canadian Studies (ACS) and the International Association for the Study of Canada (IASC). He has served as director of the ACS since 1998. He previously served as executive director of the Quebec branch of the Canadian Jewish Congress (1994-1998). Mr. Jedwab graduated with a BA in Canadian History and a minor in Economics, from McGill University, and went on to do an MA and PhD in Canadian History, at Concordia University. He was also a doctoral fellow of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, from 1982-1985. Between 1983 and 2008, he lectured at McGill University in the Quebec Studies Program and in the sociology and political science departments, as well as at the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada, where he taught courses on official language minorities in Canada and sports in Canada. He is the founding editor of the publications, Canadian Issues, Canadian Diversity, and the new Canadian Journal for Social Research.

One of Canada’s most-quoted researchers, Mr. Jedwab has written extensively for national media, books and scholarly journals on the issues of immigration, multiculturalism, human rights and official language minorities.
Grand Chief Edward John
Hereditary Chief, Tl’azt’en Nation, and
Executive Member, First Nations Summit Task Group

Grand Chief Edward John (Akile Ch’oh) is an hereditary chief of the Tl’azt’en Nation, located on the banks of the Nak’al Bun (Stuart Lake), in Northern British Columbia. Chief John has been a lawyer for 30 years and holds a BA from the University of Victoria, an LLB from the University of BC, and an Honorary PhD from the University of Northern BC.

Chief John is currently serving his eighth consecutive term on the First Nations Summit Task Group (political executive), which is mandated to carry out specific tasks related to Aboriginal Title and Rights negotiations with BC and Canada, as well as other issues of common concern to First Nations communities in BC.

Chief John has served in many leadership roles at the local, provincial, national and international levels. He is a former co-chair of the North American Indigenous Caucus and participated in the development of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which was adopted by the United Nations in September 2007.
Bruce Johnson
Curator of Contemporary Art, The Rooms Provincial Art Gallery and Author

Bruce Johnson is a Canadian curator, critic and author based in St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador. Since 1999, he has been the curator of Contemporary Art at the provincial gallery (www.therooms.ca).

Mr. Johnson trained initially as an artist at Nova Scotia College of Art and Design University, in Nova Scotia (BFA, 1988), before completing curatorial internships at Mount Saint Vincent University (NS) and Memorial University (NL). His graduate studies were in Humanities at Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador (Masters of Philosophy in Humanities).

Mr. Johnson has received research grants from The Canada Council for the Arts, as well as from the British Council and the Newfoundland and Labrador Arts Council. In 2001, he received the Christina Sabat Award for Arts Criticism, a national award for writing excellence.

This year, beyond curating a series of ambitious national and international exhibitions, Mr. Johnson will release his first novel, Firmament, from Canada’s Gaspereau Press (www.gaspereaupress.com).
Diana Lary
Professor Emeriti of Chinese History, University of British Columbia

Diana Lary is professor emerita of Chinese history, at the University of British Columbia. Her research fields are war and society, migration history and cultural history. Her most recent work is on the social history of the Resistance War (1937-1945). Her book, The Chinese People at War, will be published by Cambridge University Press this fall. She is currently working on a general history of Chinese migration. She has a special interest in ancient Chinese antiquities and in the modern archaeological work that has revealed them.

Diana has spent a considerable time in China, and was resident sinologist and cultural attaché at the Canadian Embassy in Beijing, from 1985 to 1987. Her most recent visit was in September 2009 to attend a conference on China’s wartime international relations in Chongqing, the wartime capital.
Bernard McNamara
Architect and President of Emergency Architects of Canada

Bernard McNamara is the president and founder of Emergency Architects of Canada, a humanitarian non-governmental organization founded in partnership with the Ordre des architectes du Québec and affiliated with Emergency Architects of France and of Australia.

A UN-recognized organization, the goal of Emergency Architects is to provide advice, assistance and training to populations stricken by natural, technological or human catastrophes. Emergency Architects uses the training of architects and other building experts to evaluate, plan and implement construction and reconstruction projects, especially in residential or school zones.

Since 2001, Emergency Architects has taken part in various assistance and rescue efforts aimed to help people who have been affected by disasters by performing evaluations and rebuilding with those who have been left homeless in a number of regions of the world: Indonesia, Afghanistan, Algeria, France, Haiti, Iran, Lebanon, Morocco, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Peru, Darfur, Sri Lanka, Madagascar, Grenada, Turkey, the Czech Republic and Romania.

Mr. McNamara has vast experience as an architect, entrepreneur, manufacturer and project manager in Quebec and abroad. He is involved in a number of associations in the construction and export sectors, especially the Ordre des architectes du Québec, of which he was the president in 1991 and 1992, and is now the vice-president.
Bing Thom
Principal, Bing Thom Architects

Bing Thom is one of Canada’s most admired and accomplished architects and is the principal of Bing Thom Architects (BTA), a Vancouver-based firm he founded in 1980. A graduate of the University of British Columbia (UBC) and the University of California, at Berkeley, Mr. Thom is a dedicated and artful city builder whose global reputation has risen along with that of Vancouver, the city he has done much to protect and develop. His commitment to using great architecture to improve the urban context and social condition has been recognized by a range of honours, including the Order of Canada, the Golden Jubilee Medal, honorary degrees from Simon Fraser University and UBC, and an honorary professorship from Tongji University, in Shanghai. Most recently, his firm was awarded the 2010 Architectural Firm of the Year Award by the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada.

Among Mr. Thom’s successes are the master plans for the new harbour development in the City of Dalian and the City of Yuxi, in China; the creation of a new city centre for Surrey, BC, with Surrey Central City; the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts, at UBC; the Aberdeen Centre, in Richmond, BC; the Pacific Canada Pavilion, at the Vancouver Aquarium Marine Science Centre; the Trinity Uptown Plan for Fort Worth, Texas; the recently completed Sunset Community Centre; and the Arena Stage theatre complex, in Washington, DC.

BTA is a strong supporter of Canada’s presence overseas and represented Canada as a master planning participant for Shanghai’s World Expo 2010, and as a key sponsor and participant in the Vancouverism exhibition, during the ‘Embassies Project’ at the London Architecture Festival, in 2008. BTA was also the concept designer of the British Columbia Canada Pavilion Entrance Design, at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, and is currently involved in the Yujiapu Financial Centre commercial development high-rise competition, in China.
Yuen Pau Woo
President & CEO, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada

Mr. Yuen Pau Woo is president and CEO of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada. He is also an advisor to the Shanghai WTO Affairs Consultation Centre, the Asian Development Bank and the Canadian Ditchley Foundation. Mr. Woo is on the Global Council of the Asia Society, in New York; a member of the Greater Vancouver Advisory Board for the Salvation Army; and a board member of the Mosaic Institute.

Since 2006, Mr. Woo has been coordinator of the State of the Region Report, the flagship publication of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC).

The Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, created by an act of Parliament in 1984, is an independent, not-for-profit think-tank on Canada’s relations with Asia. The Foundation functions as a knowledge broker, bringing together people and knowledge to provide current and comprehensive research, analysis and information on Canada’s transpacific relations. It promotes dialogue on economic, security, political and social issues, fostering informed decision making in the Canadian public, as well as in private and non-governmental sectors. The Foundation also provides grants to support policy research and informed discussion on Canada’s relations with Asia.