

Record of Discussion between the Government of Alberta, Canada and the Government of Heilongjiang, China

Invited by the Alberta government, the Heilongjiang Government delegation headed by Executive Vice-Governor Mr. Du Jiahao paid a visit to Alberta, Canada. Heilongjiang and Alberta have enjoyed a longstanding relationship that recognizes our mutual experiences with a cold northern climate bringing both unique challenges and opportunities. During the visit, Mr. Du Jiahao met with political leaders and senior officials of the Alberta government and reached consensus hereinafter:

1. Heilongjiang and Alberta agreed to make concerted efforts, on the basis of mutual benefit, to deepen bilateral economic relations in the areas of agriculture and agri-food, urban waste management, science and technology, education, and environmental protection.
2. The leaders of both participants and relevant departments will maintain regular contact, and discuss matters of exchanges, cooperation, and issues of common concern. For the purpose of coordinating and implementing the agreements accomplished by the two participants, Heilongjiang appoints the Heilongjiang Foreign Affairs Office as the liaison unit, while Alberta appoints the International and Intergovernmental Relations Department as the liaison unit.
3. In order to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the twinning relationship, and recognize and celebrate our cold climates, the two participants agree on a series of celebrations as follows:
 - a. An exchange of missions between senior leaders of the two provinces
 - b. Holding a business forum in Alberta in Fall 2011
 - c. Alberta sending ice hockey coaches to Heilongjiang
 - d. A Heilongjiang ice sculpture team traveling to Alberta to participate in an ice sculpture festival
4. This Record of Discussion is signed in Edmonton on April 21, 2011 in the English and Chinese languages, each version being equally authentic.

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