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On Tuesday CCBC held a very successful luncheon with China's Foreign Minister, YANG Jiechi, in Ottawa. 150 people attended, including Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, Transport Minister John Baird, former Prime Minister Joe Clark, and a variety of current and former ministers and MPs. Equally important, our membership was out in full force for the event.

Minister YANG touched on a wide variety of themes in his speech, the formal text of which can be found [here](#). He did deviate extensively from that prepared text, also mentioning that he has attended many CCBC banquets such as this one over the years, each of which has been an outstanding success and has substantially contributed to the Canada-China discourse. His remarks during the luncheon and afterward with reporters showed optimism about the state of Canada-China relations: "Although our two countries differ in national conditions and do not always see eye to eye on everything, we should not let these differences stand in the way of our relations. And nor can they. As an old Chinese saying goes, harmony makes us close to each other and

News Headline

[Chinese refiner Sinopec to buy Canada's Addax Petroleum](#) - Chinese refiner Sinopec agreed to acquire oil and gas exploration company Addax Petroleum Corp. in a deal valued at \$8.27 billion Canadian (US\$7.2 billion), gaining access to reserves in West Africa and the Middle East.

Event Notices

June 28 -- Beijing

2009 Canada Day

[Click here and join us](#) for an official Canada Day celebration.

September 17 - Brampton

Canada-China-India: A Synergy in Education 09'

- An exchange of ideas through a networking event to further the interests of those currently involved in or contemplating involvement in the education sector in India &/or China. Explore opportunities in this burgeoning sector.
- An awareness & collaborative approach in sharing each other's experiences as well as pitfalls to avoid and an opportunity to highlight your programs to peers, receive effective marketing tips, meet stakeholders active in both markets and benefit from existing synergies.

[click here](#) to register.

CCBC News

Outsourcing Seminar attracts strong Canadian contingent in Nanjing

A strong Canadian contingent made up of about 60 companies took part in the 24th *Canada China Outsourcing Forum* June 23-24 in Nanjing.

Several CCBC member companies including Lingo Media., AMA Infotech Development Inc., and KPMG were at the conference along with CCBC Membership Services Manager Tony Gostling. AMA President Hong Gang, who is also Chair of the newly-formed CCBC Outsourcing Committee, told us by email that the Forum attracted about 150 direct participants.

We'll have more on the Forum in the next issue of CCBC Update.

CCBC Voices Concern about Green Dam

Last week CCBC joined 18 other international associations in expressing concern about the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT)'s notice requiring that all computers sold in China as of July 1 have installed the Green Dam Internet Filtering Software. In a letter to MIIT Minister LI Yizhong, this consortium highlighted the questions that MIIT's mandate raises about security, privacy, system reliability, the free flow of information, and user choice. It also commented that such a measure runs counter to China's stated goal of being a "leading IT and information-based society." The signatories to the letter invited a dialog with the government on other ways to advance the objective of effective and responsible parental controls and asked that the Ministry reconsider implementation of the requirements.

CCBC encourages members to participate in KPMG Enterprise's 2009 Taking on the World survey

CCBC is working with KPMG Enterprise™ to broaden the view of Canada-China trade by participating in the firm's *Taking on the World* survey and

differences make us respect each other." YANG said that since Prime Minister Harper's meeting with President HU Jintao at the G8 in Japan last summer, the pace of exchange and co-operation has picked up, and "our bilateral relationship is showing fresh vitality and broader prospects." Talk of a prime ministerial visit to China in the fall was reinforced by a meeting between Minister YANG and Prime Minister Harper on Tuesday morning.

A report by Xinhua quoted CCBC President Peter Harder: "I thought it was an excellent speech. It covered the history of the relationship, it spoke of a promising future... this is an occasion in which we can remind each other that the Canada-China relationship is a strong business relationship, is a strong political relationship, is a strong people-to-people relationship. And that is what makes us better."

CCBC wholeheartedly thanks everyone who came out on such short notice, and in particular we are grateful to our sponsoring organizations. Photos from the event are now available on ccbc.com. The event was widely covered by Canadian and Chinese media, a summary of which can be found [here](#).

Regards,

Sarah Kutulakos
Executive Director

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[CCBC.com](http://ccbc.com)

report for 2009. Taking on the World was launched last summer when KPMG surveyed 200 CEOs/Presidents of private companies and completed about 25 one-on-one interviews to determine current and future plans for global expansion or doing business in other countries. The result of the survey was the 2008 Taking on the [World report](#). The firm's Tracy Holotuk says KPMG learned a great deal through that process and noticed specifically that results were heavily skewed to respondents who were doing business in the U.S. "We believe it's important to broaden that view to articulate Canada's connections to the developing world, specifically to China," she said, "so we approached CCBC to encourage Canadian business leaders active in China to participate." CCBC Executive Director Sarah Kutulakos supports that view. "Research and empirical data provides CCBC with strong evidence when we speak to government and to business in Canada and China. And we need to be able to clearly define the current state of the connections to be able to map the road ahead."

CCBC member companies can find the confidential blind survey at the following links.

English

<https://www.surveys.kpmg.com/mmi/2wBJKMP/Link.html>

French

<https://www.surveys.kpmg.com/mmi/2wA6KMP/Link.html>

CCBC members will get a copy of the *Taking on the World* report. Participating members will be invited on completion of the survey to join the Global Enterprise Institute, at no cost. The Institute is a virtual community of North American mid-market CEOs. The Canadian Institute was founded by KPMG Enterprises and Holotuk says they are working to expand the Institute to include Australian and Chinese companies. The Global Enterprise Institute can be accessed at <http://www.kpmgglobalenterpriseinstitute.com>

CCBC New Members

Consolidated Thompson Iron Mines Ltd. is an exploration and development company. The recent completion of a \$200M equity financing, coupled with acquisition and offtake agreements augments the company's ability to advance projects and other opportunities in the Iron Ore industry. The company has approximately 154.8 million shares outstanding and trades on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol "T.CLM".

Members' News

In collaboration with the CCBC, **Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP** (Gowlings) hosted an open dialogue on investment and trade between Canada and China with a visiting delegation of former diplomats from the People's Republic of China on Wednesday, June 17, 2009. Members of the delegation included: MEI Ping, former Chinese Ambassador to Canada; CHEN Wenzhao, former Chinese Ambassador to New Zealand and former Consul General to Toronto; ZHOU Xingbao, former Consul General to Toronto; ZHOU Shijian, International Relations Researcher of Qinghua University; and DONG Minchuan, Third Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Catherine Pawluch, a senior partner and the Toronto office leader of Gowlings' China Group, provided a high-level overview of significant changes to Canada's foreign investment laws.

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