

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
PROVINCE OF MANITOBA, CANADA
AND
ANUI PROVINCE, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Since the latter half of the year 2000, sound development has been made in exchanges and cooperation between the Province of Manitoba, Canada and Anhui Province of the People's Republic of China.

Both sides have reached a concensus that with the globalization of the world economy, the strengthened cooperation and exchanges between the two provinces are not only beneficial to mutual economic and social development, but also conducive to the establishment of the China-Canada sponsorship of all round cooperation towards the 21st century.

Both sides believe that Manitoba and Anhui have many similarities in natural resources and industrial structure and can complement each other to a great degree and there exist many oppourtunities for future cooperation in the fields of trade and economy, science and technology and education between the two provinces.

- 1) It is agreed by both sides to increase the trade and economic information exchange in the following fields to identify specific areas of successful cooperation: agriculture, animal husbandry, education, food and beverage processing, communications, agricultural machinery and information and telecommunications.
- 2) To promote an open dialogue between our respective scientific research centers in the areas of health care, information technology and biological engineering.
- 3) To further develop mutual relations, both sides will maintain high level government exchanges.
- 4) The Manitoba Trade and Investment Corporation of the Government of Manitoba and the Foreign Affairs Office of Anhui Provincial People's Government will maintain close contact to coordinate the development of mutual exchanges and cooperation.

Signed on February 15, 2001 in Shanghai, this Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect from the date of this signing.

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Governor Xu Zhonglin
Governor of Anhui province
People's Republic of China

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The Honourable Gary Doer
Premier of the province of Manitoba
Canada