



China Newsletter

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I know that Alberta just experienced a late winter storm with temperatures of minus 30 and heavy snowfall. I hope this will not upset readers too much, but spring has arrived in Beijing. The Magnolias, or “YuLan,” and Plum trees are in bloom and are truly beautiful.

Keep in mind April 6 is holiday in China; it’s “Tomb Sweeping Day.” This is the day that families will visit their ancestors grave to pay respect. Friday May 1 is also a national holiday for Labor Day.

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Visit of Calgary Board of Education

From March 19-23, the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) delegation, including 32 educators, visited Beijing. During their stay, they had a meeting with representatives from Beijing Normal University (BNU), who gave two presentations on Chinese education development and teacher preparation programs. The delegation visited elementary and junior high schools attached to the university as experimental schools for teacher training. After the local schools visits, the delegation visited Canadian International School and held meetings with principals and teachers to exchange ideas and experiences with various teaching methods.

The CBE is committed to sending an educator delegation to China for professional development every year. This is a key part of the CBE global citizenship strategy which provides international experience and exposure to China’s education system in order to enhance the teaching and learning capacity at the CBE.



CBE at Beijing Normal University



CBE at Sanfan Junior High School



Group photo in Sanfan Junior High School. In the middle of back, Principal Chen Rulin

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Green Building Seminar at Canadian Embassy

The Alberta-China Office co-sponsored a North America Green Construction Forum at the Canadian Embassy in Beijing on March 24.

The Forum was attended by over 50 participants representing the Chinese Ministry of Construction, Chinese Real Estate Association, Chinese Academy of Building Research (see February 2009 newsletter) and US Green Building Council. It was led by Alberta Company, Envision, which recently established a facility in Shanghai.

Guest speakers introduced China Three Star rating system of energy efficiency construction, the development of energy efficient constructions in China; Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) qualification and application in North America.

The Forum served as a platform for multilateral discussions and exchange of information between Chinese and North American participants which included developers, architects and government officials. There was general agreement that energy efficiency is a priority for everyone and it is useful to understand how measurements and standards for energy efficient construction are established and interpreted. Several important introductions and future contacts for participants have been achieved from this event.

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“Green Building” seminar held on March 24, 2009.



Cooperation with “HanBan” to provide Chinese Mandarin Teachers to Edmonton, Red Deer and Hinton

Did you know that Alberta has 14 Mandarin Bilingual schools and 13 Chinese Language and Cultural Programs? I had the opportunity to visit four of these schools and I am impressed with the quality of their instruction in Mandarin Chinese.

The Alberta China Office works closely with Alberta Education by establishing a close relationship with “HanBan.” Hanban is the executive body of the Chinese Language Council International, a non-governmental and non-profit organization affiliated with the Ministry of Education of China.

Hanban is committed to making the Chinese language and culture teaching resources and services available to the world, to meet the demands of Chinese learners overseas, to contribute to the formation of a world of cultural diversity and harmony.

During this last month, the Alberta China Office was involved in the selection of Mandarin teachers for Edmonton, Hinton and Red Deer. It was a wonderful to meet with so many applicants that have an interest in teaching in Alberta and to learn that past Chinese teachers had very positive experience teaching and living in Alberta.

We are proud that Albertans have shared with these visitors our famous western hospitality.

For more information please visit the Hanban website www.hanban.edu.cn or contact: [Jenny Luo](#)

Chinese Water Project

Calgary based, Pure Technologies met with the South-to-North Water Diversion Bureau in Beijing to exchange ideas on technologies and concerns for detecting pipeline leakage. They also discussed ways of cooperation in future. The meeting was a follow-up to the Chinese mission to Canada last year.

Pure Technologies provides high technologies for infrastructure management and surveillance. They have a number of technologies such as the electromagnetic inspection technology, which locates and quantifies the extent of wire breaks in pipes and acoustic monitoring, which detects and locates pre-stressing wire failures as they occur.

South-to-North Water Diversion Bureau, under State Council, is a public utility owner responsible for the water transmission infrastructure in the middle route in China. The project starts in the Danjiangkou Reservoir in South China and ends in Beijing and Tianjin in North China.

The bureau is facing challenges relating to the management of their infrastructure, including assessing the condition of buried pipes and maintaining the quality of their existing pipeline stock.



As a result of this meeting, both sides agreed to future cooperation
For more information please visit <http://www.puretechnologiesltd.com>,
<http://www.nsb.gov.cn/> or contact: [Sophia Sun](#)



Photo at South to North Water Diversion Control Center. Middle: Mr. Jack Elliott – Pure Technologies and David Wong and members of Chinese Bureau.
(The consoles at the Center seen in the background were supplied by Evans – another Alberta Company)

Upcoming Events:

- Construction and Environment: For details contact: [Sophia Sun](#)

China Build-14th China International Construction & Decoration Materials in Dalian on April 9-12
 Expo Build China 2009: Construction & Building Expo in Shanghai on March 31-April 3
 EPTEE show: China Energy Generation Industry Exhibition and International Environment Show, Water, Air, Waste, Energy and Recycling in Shanghai on April 28-30
 China Power Summit in Beijing on May 24-27

- Ag and Agri-Food: For details contact: [Ken Yang](#)
 Oil China 2009, March 15-17, Beijing
 2009 Shanghai International Feed Industry Expo, April 24-26, Shanghai
 2009 Global Pig Forum, May 14-15, Chengdu
 China Animal Husbandry and Feed Industry Expo, May 15-17, Chengdu
 Alberta Swine Genetics Seminars, May 2009, Harbin, Chengdu, Nanchang, Hainan
 5th World Pork Conference, Sep. 3-4, Qingdao



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- Education: For details contact: [Jenny Luo](#)
China International Teenager Fair, May 27-29, Beijing
Beijing International Education Exhibition, June 13-15, Beijing