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KRAMP: RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINA STRENGTHENED AFTER RECENT VISITS

Belleville, ON — Daryl Kramp, Member of Parliament for Prince Edward-Hastings, is pleased that Canada's relationship with China has been strengthened due to a number of recent agreements and Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) achieved by visits to China and also China's President Hu's visit to Canada at the end of June.

"As Chair of the Canada-China Legislative Association, I am very happy that a great deal of headway has been made in relation to agriculture and tourism among other things", said Mr. Kramp. "We have been working hard to open up the agricultural market and it's now happening."

Also during the President's visit, several Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) were signed which include:

- A co-operative arrangement to re-open the Chinese market for beef and beef products based on a staged approach, beginning with Canadian boneless beef derived from animals under thirty months of age (UTM) and beef tallow for industrial use. Canada is now the first Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE)-affected country to regain staged market access for beef in China.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to facilitate group travel from China to Canada, which cements Canada's Approved Destination Status (ADS)
- A Memorandum of Understanding to form an Environmental Protection and Energy Conservation Working Group that will focus on commercial cooperation in the environment and clean energy sector.
- A Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation on Combating Crime.

PM Harper and President Hu also instructed officials to explore means of strengthening the partnership between Canada and China by putting in place a working group under the Joint Economic and Trade Committee.

Additionally, PM Harper expressed Canada's delight that negotiations were soon to take place to secure a long-term loan of a pair of giant pandas to Canada and some of the Terracotta

Warriors, ancient funerary statues, will be coming to the Royal Ontario Museum for a special exhibition.

“The relationship between Canada and China is extremely important, and in my riding the agricultural agreement aspects are paramount”, said Mr. Kramp. “The Chinese market for Canadian beef and tallow is estimated to be worth over \$50 million. Our farmers will definitely benefit from these agreements.”