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**AGREEMENT OF FRIENDLY COOPERATION SIGNED BETWEEN XIAMEN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND RICHMOND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
BC**

Richmond, BC – September 23rd, 2010 – An Agreement of Friendly Cooperation between Richmond Chamber of Commerce and Xiamen Chamber of Commerce was finalized at a formal signing ceremony in Xiamen on 21st September. The document was signed by Richmond Chamber of Commerce Chair, Tony Kwan and Xiamen General Chamber of Commerce Chair, Cai Liang Ya.

The Xiamen General Chamber of Commerce is a 160 year old 6000 plus member organization and the parent body for Chamber activities in the Xiamen region.

"We are building on the Friendship City relationship established by the City of Richmond and the City of Xiamen. The friendship agreement marks another significant step in building business relationships and closer ties with the City of Xiamen. We hope to continue to expand business opportunities for our Chamber members," said Tony Kwan, Richmond Chamber of Commerce Chair.

The agreement aims to establish a cooperative partnership between Richmond and Xiamen Chambers of Commerce offering mutual benefit in the areas of trade, business and industry. The agreement calls for the Chambers to provide each other a complimentary "association" membership and reciprocal privileges for members. The chambers have also agreed to work together to facilitate greater business ties through

the exchange of business delegations, trade shows and seminars. The agreement takes effect immediately for a term of two years.

Kwan believes the presence of Mayor Brodie and the Sister City Committee in Xiamen has assisted in finalizing this agreement.

The signing of the Friendship Agreement is the first announcement during a 10 day trip of a Richmond delegation made up of Richmond Chamber of Commerce, the City of Richmond, Sister City Committee and Tourism Richmond . From 17 September – 27 September, 2010, RCC and 14 of its members are visiting Xiamen and Shanghai, China. The main purpose of this trip is to create awareness to the business opportunities in Richmond.

The itinerary of the trip includes meetings with Xiamen Chamber of Commerce, Xiamen Foreign Investment Bureau, Xiamen Trade Development Bureau, Xiamen Investment Promotion Agency, tours of Xiamen Torch Hi-Tech zone and meetings with businesses in Xiamen. The groups will then move on to Shanghai where they will continue networking and attending a 'Richmond Day' reception hosted by Richmond Mayor Malcolm Brodie in the Canadian Pavilion at the Shanghai Expo.

The Richmond Chamber of Commerce is a broad-based non-profit membership association, celebrating over 85 years of commitment to make Richmond the most prosperous and favorable place to do business.

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