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RICHMOND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDS BUSINESS BRIDGE TO CHINA

Richmond, BC – 08.09.10 - On September 17th Richmond Chamber of Commerce and 14 of its members will be embarking on a Business related trip to China to visit Xiamen and Shanghai. The main purpose of this trip will be to further enhance the already fostered business relationships with Richmond's Friendship City Xiamen.

Following the successful visits of delegates, Mayor and Vice Mayor of Xiamen to the Chamber in 2008 and 2009, Richmond Chamber of Commerce has accepted the kind invitation to visit Xiamen to further develop business relationships. Richmond Chamber of Commerce members taking part in the delegation represent sectors such as; Agriculture, Business services, Green Lighting, Residential Services, Education, Food Processing, International Freight Services, IT Solutions and Banking services.

The itinerary of the trip includes a day with Xiamen Chamber of Commerce, tours of Xiamen Hi-tech region and business meetings with Xiamen companies and the Mayor of Xiamen. The groups will then move on to Shanghai where they will continue networking and attend 'Richmond Day', hosted in the Canadian Pavilion at the Shanghai Expo.

Following the recent Approved Destination Status (ADS) given to Canada in June this year, focus on Chinese business trade is at an all time high.

Richmond Chamber of Commerce Chair, Tony Kwan comments "Over the years, the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, with the assistance of the City of Richmond, has worked very hard to develop a business relationship with the City of Xiamen. This trip marks the first significant business delegation consisting of Chamber members to visit Xiamen. The Chamber hopes to continue to open business opportunities for Richmond businesses in Xiamen and other international markets".

Richmond Chamber of Commerce looks forward to strengthening its bond with Xiamen and introducing some of its members to its business contacts, education and culture.

Richmond Chamber of Commerce is the recognized voice of business committed to the development and enhancement of the economic well being of the Richmond area.

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