



**China Newsletter**

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**Qixi Festival (literally "The Night of Sevens"), also known as Magpie Festival, falls on the seventh day of the seventh lunar month on the Chinese calendar (Augst 6, 2011). It is sometimes called Chinese Valentine's Day .Young girls traditionally demonstrate their domestic arts, especially melon carving, on this day and make wishes for a good husband.**

**Who Are We?**

In Greater China, Alberta is represented by four offices:

- The Alberta China Office co-located with the Canadian Embassy in Beijing [www.albertacanada.com/China](http://www.albertacanada.com/China)
- The Alberta Hong Kong Office [www.albertacanada.com/HongKong](http://www.albertacanada.com/HongKong)
- The Alberta Taiwan Office [www.albertacanada.com/Taiwan](http://www.albertacanada.com/Taiwan)
- And the Alberta Shanghai Office: [nathan.wright@albertashanghai.com](mailto:nathan.wright@albertashanghai.com)

Note: Alberta also has a collaborative agreement with the China National Petroleum Corporation for the operation of the CNPC-Alberta Petroleum Centre [www.capcbj.com.cn](http://www.capcbj.com.cn)

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### **UofC Medical School Forms Joint Institute with China Medical University**

The Joint Institute for Liver Diseases of China Medical University (CMU) and the University of Calgary (UofC) was launched on June 28 in the campus of CMU. The UofC delegation of 4 faculty was led by Dr. Thomas Feasby, Dean of UofC Medical Faculty and CMU was represented by Vice President Wang Xiaomin, President of Beijing You An Hospital and other faculty members of CMU.

The CMY-UC Joint Institute for Liver Diseases will provide infrastructure to optimize the mechanism to support joint project, including education exchange and scientific research. Youan hospital is one of the 18 CMU affiliated hospitals. It is a leading hospital focusing on Infectious Disease in China. It has research and clinical integration and rich clinical database. The institute will involve graduate student exchange and collaboration of science and research. Professor Thomas Feasby said UofC wants to pursue the projects. His associate Dean, Vanderhorn, will come to visit China in October to interview the Chinese candidates for exchange.

Vice Dean Vanderhorn from UofC is expected to visit CMU in October.



From Left to right:  
Dr. Li Ning, President, Beijing You An Hospital, CMU  
Dr. Wang Xiaomin, Vice President, CMU  
Mr. David Wong, Managing Director of Alberta China Office  
Dr. Thomas Feasby, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, UofC

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### **The China (Wuhan) International Education Exhibition**

The China (Wuhan) International Education Exhibition was held in Wuhan June 25-26, 2011. To further promote Alberta education, ACO together with Consulate Shanghai to have a Canada booth at this student-recruitment trade show. Over 200 materials were distributed. Jenny answered the questions about Alberta post secondary and K-12 education.



Jenny Luo with Representatives from Consulate Canada Shanghai, CCC Office in Wuhan and Provincial Offices of Quebec, Ontario and BC



Jenny introduces Alberta advantage to a parent

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### **Alberta-Zhejiang Life Sciences international Forum**

The Health Bureau of Zhejiang Province, the Science and Technology Department of Zhejiang Province in China and the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Alberta Health and Wellness in Canada will host the 3rd Alberta-Zhejiang Life Sciences international Forum on Food Safety, Environmental Contamination and Human Health Risk Assessment and Management on September 19 – 21, 2011 in Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China. The Zhejiang Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the Zhejiang Provincial Center for International Medical & Health Cooperation and Alberta Centre for Toxicology, Canada are the key organizers of this event. The experts in the fields of public health, food safety, human health risk assessment and risk management in China and Canada were invited to give keynote addresses.

For detailed information, please visit forum website: <http://zj-ablifesci.net/>



### **Alberta China Office Agricultural Visit to the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region**

The Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, also called Xin for short, is located in north-western China. Largest in area in all the province-level administrative regions of China, the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region covers an area of 1.66 million sq. km., one sixth of Chinese territory. Situated in the hinterland of Eurasian continent, Xinjiang of China borders eight countries such as Russia, Kazakhstan, Kirghizstan, Tajikistan, Pakistan, Mongolia, India and Afghanistan. The geographic position of Xinjiang makes it very important in strategy. In history, Xinjiang served as the key controlling section of the well-known Silk Road, while now it is an unavoidable part of the railway leading to the second Eurasia Continental Bridge. By the end of 2010, the population of Xinjiang had reached 21,813,334. Presently, there are 14 prefectures (including prefectures, autonomous prefectures and prefecture-level cities) and 88 counties (including cities and cities at county level) under the government of the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, including 33 counties (county-level cities) in border areas. The Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps (XPCC) is an important component part of Xinjiang and has 174 regimental agricultural and stockbreeding farms under it.

Xinjiang is a major agricultural base and primary industry still accounted for 17.8% of GDP in 2009. Canola and regular rapeseed, sugar beet and fruits, of which, Yili apple, Korla pear, seedless white grape and Hami melon are famous at home and abroad. Ili is home to China's most famous horse species, Ili Horse.

Xinjiang is China's largest growing base of cotton, lavender and hop. Lavender planting areas and production in Ili district both account for 90% of the nation's total. Besides, with the second largest pastureland, Xinjiang is one of the major sheep farming areas and fine-wool production base in China.

David Wong and Ken Yang (Agriculture Officer) visited Ili, Xinjiang early July and met with local producers and officials in charge of agricultural science and technology.



Caption: Racing Horses in Zhaosu Grassland, Ili Kazakh Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang



Double low canola flowers in China- Kazakhstan border areas

For more information regarding Xinjiang's agricultural sector, please contact [Ken Yang](#).

### Upcoming Events

- September 19-21– The 3rd Alberta/Canada - Zhejiang/China Life Sciences International Forum in Hangzhou
- Sept. 13-15, 2011 – Global Unconventional Gas at JW Marriot Hotel in Beijing, for more information, please visit: [www.gastechnology.org](http://www.gastechnology.org)
- Sept. 27-29, 2011 – CIEHI (China International Exhibition on Housing Industry) at Beijing Exhibition Centre
- Nov. 27-30, 2012– International Trade Fair for Construction Machinery, Building Material Machines, Construction Vehicles and Equipment 2012 <http://www.bauma-china.com>

