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Yukon Welcomes Shaanxi Province Delegation to Whitehorse

WHITEHORSE – Delegates from the Shaanxi Provincial People’s Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries arrive in Whitehorse today to begin discussions on the development of a sister province relationship with Yukon.

“I am pleased to welcome this enthusiastic delegation to our city,” Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon said. “We have an informative and enjoyable itinerary planned that will enlighten our visitors and provide them with a solid understanding of Yukon’s infrastructure, strategic advantages, economic priorities and lifestyle.”

This visit is a follow-up of Minister Kenyon’s visit to Shaanxi in October. While in China, Kenyon signed a letter of intent to work together to create a sister province agreement to the benefit of both jurisdictions. The Yukon government and the Shaanxi delegation will discuss the structure and the focus that will form the relationship.

“Formalizing our relationship with Shaanxi province through a sister province agreement will further Yukon’s Asian investment attraction work and support departmental efforts to enhance business, trade, educational and investment opportunities for Yukon,” Kenyon added.

Shaanxi has a rich mineral industry and a long history of mineral development, which makes it a suitable sister province for Yukon. Yukon Zinc’s Wolverine Mine, Yukon’s newest mining development, is a joint venture of the Jinduicheng Molybdenum Group and Northwest Geological Exploration and Mining Bureau for Nonferrous Metals of the People’s Republic of China, which are mining and exploration companies located in Shaanxi. The formation of Yukon-Shaanxi Mining Company Inc., a new Canadian company that will explore and develop mineral resources in Yukon, is also a result of the relationship building with China and the Shaanxi Province.

In addition to sessions and presentations, this visit also includes tours, Yukon attractions, and introductions to Yukon College’s vice-president of education and training and director of college relations.

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