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Premier returns from China trip

WHITEHORSE—Premier Darrell Pasloski has concluded a 10-day trip to China where he strengthened ties with Chinese business leaders and government officials, and promoted trade and investment with Yukon.

Premier Pasloski and seven other Canadian premiers participated in the trade mission, which was organized by the Council of the Federation (COF) and included stops in Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong. In addition, the premier travelled to Xi'an to meet the Governor of Shaanxi province and sign a sister province agreement.

"We learned a great deal over the 10 days in China," Pasloski said. "Meeting face to face with government and business leaders has been invaluable. The work done on this mission enhanced our relationships with officials and industry, and will lead to future benefits for Yukon."

The premier delivered a keynote speech at the Canadian Chamber of Commerce annual Maple Leaf Ball in Shanghai on September 15. In his speech the premier highlighted Yukon's strong economic growth and the trade investment opportunities in Yukon and Canada.

The delegation participated in events in Beijing organized by the Canada China Business Council, the Canadian Tourism Commission and the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries.

"Following this mission I expect Yukon will continue to see growing trade and investment with China," Pasloski added.

A number of ongoing initiatives have helped facilitate over \$700 million in investments by Asian companies in Yukon-based projects. These initiatives include hosting investors in Yukon, participation in trade shows and building relationships through travel to China and other Asian nations.

The premiers of Nova Scotia, Northwest Territories, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Yukon joined the trade mission. Delegates met with China's Vice-Premier Wang Qishan and Minister of Commerce Chen Deming, as well as Canadian diplomatic leaders in Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong.

The premier was also accompanied by Yukon government officials from the Department of Economic Development and the Executive Council Office's intergovernmental relations branch.

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