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High-Level Transportation and Logistics Chinese Delegation Visits Prince George and Prince Rupert

A delegation of 20 individuals from the China Federation of Logistics and Purchasing are in Prince George to learn about logistics facilities and infrastructure in the Northern Pacific trade gateway and corridor linking Asia Pacific and North America. This knowledge will strengthen and expand relations with China's transportation and logistics industry furthering investment, trade and education opportunities.

Arriving on May 6 and departing May 8th the delegation is hosted by presenting partners Initiatives Prince George Development Corporation (IPG), Prince George Airport Authority (PGAA), Prince George Global Logistics Park (PGGLP), CN, and Supply Chain Logistics Canada, along with a variety of other industry partners.

Delegates will experience two full days of programming beginning with a chartered visit to Prince Rupert to visit the Port of Prince Rupert. Upon their return from Prince Rupert, delegates will be honoured at a Traditional Aboriginal Welcoming Feast. Day two of the programming will take place in Prince George and will include conference presentations from COSCO, CN Rail, the Prince George Airport Authority, and the Prince George Global Logistics Park, and will conclude with tours of the CN yard, the CNC campus, the UNBC campus, the Prince George Airport and the Prince George Global Logistics Park.

China Federation of Logistics and Purchasing is China's only comprehensive federation in the logistics industry that is ratified by the State Council – China's chief administrative authority (Cabinet). Its mandate is to facilitate development of Chinese logistics industry, development of government and corporate procurement, and reform and development of distribution of production materials.

CFLP has a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Transport Canada and Supply Chain Logistics Canada, as well as with Initiatives Prince George and the City of Prince George that includes exchange visits. The MOU was an outcome of the 2008 Team Northern BC outbound delegation led by IPG to Beijing, and the invitation to CFLP was formally extended during the most recent trade mission last December that PGAA and IPG participated in with Transport Canada.

Tim McEwan, President and CEO of Initiatives Prince George explains, "We are very pleased to be able to welcome Mr. Ren Haoxiang and his team to Prince George to see our region and city's transportation infrastructure."

The CFLP delegation is comprised of senior Chinese logistics professionals. The delegation this year is interested in coming to Prince George to see multi-modal transportation infrastructure connecting China to North America. This delegation comprises Vice Chairman of CFLP, senior officials of National Development and Reform Commission (China's macroeconomic management agency under the Chinese State Council, which has a broad administrative and planning control over the Chinese economy), and senior professionals of Chinese logistics companies and associations.

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