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*Welcome to Shaanxi*

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On the evening of November 7, Zhao Zhengyong, Member of the Provincial Party Committee Standing Committee and Executive Vice-Governor of Shaanxi Province, met with the Delegation of Canadian Indigenous People for Business Promotion led by Calvin Helin, Great Chief of Canada indigenous people at Sheraton Xin Hotel.

First of all, Zhao extended, on behalf of Governor Yuan Chunqing and the provincial government, a warm welcome to the visiting delegation and briefed the guests on the situation of the province economic and social development. Zhao said that the arrival of the guests enabled them to see the diversity of the Canadian culture and rapid economic development of the indigenous people. Shaanxi is one of the birthplaces of the Chinese culture and civilization, with 13 dynasties having established their capitals here over a period of 1100 years, providing a good foundation for developing today tourist economy. Shaanxi boasts rich energy reserves and solid strength in science, technology and education. In recent years, the province socioeconomic development has always maintained a rapid yet steady momentum. And he hoped that the said visit shall inaugurate even broader cooperation between the two sides.

Calvin Helin expressed thanks for the hospitality accorded to them by Shaanxi Provincial Government. He said that the Canadian indigenous chiefs and leaders possess rich energy and natural resources such as oil, minerals, forests, etc., while Shaanxi abounds in natural and humane resources. Therefore, the two sides have great prospects for cooperation in natural resources, energy, commerce, trade, cultural exchanges, etc., and both sides have expressed their wishes to establish friendly exchange ties with each other.

Other provincial officials concerned from the Provincial Foreign Affairs Office, Development and Reform Commission, Department of Commerce, Department of Culture, Xin municipality, etc. were also present on the occasion.

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