

***ANCILLARY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
TO PROMOTE TRADE, INVESTMENT
AND INFORMATION EXCHANGES***

**BETWEEN
THE BUREAU OF COMMERCE
PROVINCE OF ANHUI, PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

AND

**THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND TRADE
PROVINCE OF MANITOBA, CANADA**

Whereas the Province of Anhui, People’s Republic of China (herein called “Anhui”) and the Province of Manitoba, Canada (herein called “Manitoba”) are committed to improving exchanges and cooperation between their provinces;

Whereas Manitoba and Anhui formalized their commitment through a Memorandum of Understanding, signed on February 15, 2001 (herein called “the 2001 Memorandum”);

Whereas the 2001 Memorandum outlined general commitments related to trade and economic information exchanges; open dialogues between research centres; and high-level government exchanges, Manitoba and Anhui have now identified specific priorities and opportunities for collaboration that focus on trade and investment development;

Therefore, in the spirit of promoting closer relations and mutual benefits, Manitoba’s Department of Intergovernmental Affairs and Trade and Anhui’s Bureau of Commerce intend to work cooperatively together, consistent with law and existing treaties between their respective nations, to further the trade and investment development objectives under the 2001 Memorandum.

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IMPLEMENTATION:

Manitoba's Department of Intergovernmental Affairs and Trade and Anhui's Bureau of Commerce will:

1. Exchange information on potential opportunities for mutual trade, business relationship development, and/or technical exchanges and training in fields such as (but not limited to):
 - Agricultural technology;
 - Agri-food;
 - Transportation equipment;
 - Energy and power;
 - Education;
 - Building technology;
 - Biotechnology;
 - Natural resources
2. Share best practices and lessons learned on investment promotion policies and procedures;
3. Endeavour to undertake at least one exchange visit per year by officials (which could include government and non-government officials, business leaders and academics) from both provinces in order to promote mutual understanding of each other's trade and investment practices;
4. Work together to form consortia of strategically aligned companies, agencies and educational institutions (in Anhui and Manitoba, as appropriate) to pursue economic development projects and to support them in their efforts to seek funding support through International Financial Institutions (IFIs) and such as the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA);
5. Designate a Co-ordinating Committee, which will be mandated to:
 - a) Monitor and report annually to the Premier of Manitoba and the Governor of Anhui on progress on the implementation of this Ancillary Memorandum of Understanding; and
 - b) Review and amend, as required, priority areas of co-operation.

GENERAL

This Ancillary Memorandum of Understanding does not create any contractual or other legal obligation to perform by Manitoba or Anhui, nor will Manitoba and Anhui be subject to any legal liability resulting from non-performance of any provisions of this Ancillary Memorandum of Understanding.

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Amendments to this Ancillary Memorandum of Understanding require the written consent of Manitoba and Anhui.

The duration of this Ancillary Memorandum of Understanding will be for a period of five years, at which time it can be extended by mutual agreement.

This Ancillary Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated upon three months' written notice by either Manitoba or Anhui.

The English and Chinese texts of this Ancillary Memorandum of Understanding are equally authentic.

Dated at _____, this _____th day of January, 2005.

original signed by _____
Director General
Bureau of Commerce
Province of Anhui

original signed by _____
Minister
Department of Intergovernmental Affairs
and Trade
Province of Manitoba