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A presentation on ***Prime Minister Harper's Recent Trip to China*** ***and the Canada-China Relationship***

by Philip Calvert

Thursday, January 21, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Note new location!

Press Room/Salle de presse Vidéotron
Ground floor/rez-de-chaussée, Gatineau City Hall/Maison du Citoyen
25 Laurier Street, Gatineau (Hull sector)
(detailed directions are attached for location of building and free parking)

October 10, 2010 will mark the 40th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Canada and China. In December 2009 Prime Minister Harper made a visit to China which promises to revitalise bilateral ties. Mr. Calvert will speak about the visit and will focus on what it will mean in terms of further developing the Canada-China relationship.

Philip Calvert joined the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) in the early 1980s, after obtaining a M.A. in History at York University. He was posted as Trade Commissioner at the Canadian Embassy from 1984 to 1987. Afterwards, Mr. Calvert took a leave of absence to continue studying, and obtained a Ph.D. at the University of Washington in 1991. Back in DFAIT he held a number of important positions including Departmental Assistant to Raymond Chan, then Secretary of State for Asia-Pacific, Senior APEC Working Group Coordinator. From 1994-97, he was posted to China for a second time as Economic Counsellor and Media Spokesman. On his return to headquarters, he was again involved with China as Deputy Chief Negotiator for Canada on China's Accession to the World Trade Organization. Mr. Calvert was assigned for the third time to the Canadian Embassy in Beijing as Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission from 2004-2008. He is currently Director General, North Asia Bureau at DFAIT. Mr. Calvert was closely involved with the recent visit by the Prime Minister and he accompanied Mr. Harper to China.

This event is free for CCFS members. Non-members are welcome and there is a charge of \$5 to them. The CCFS-Ottawa Annual Membership is \$20 for individuals, \$30 for a family and \$12 for students.

As is our custom, Chinese tea and refreshments will be served.

For further information about the Society or this event, please call Gilliane Lapointe at 613-842-9400 or go to www.fccfa.ca/Ottawa. Membership forms are available at this website.