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## ***Chinese Military Development in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century***

**by Colonel David Burke (ret.)**

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Library and Archives Canada, Room A  
395 Wellington Street, Ottawa

**at 7:30 p.m.**

**Refreshments following the presentation.**

**All are welcome.\***

As China becomes a wealthier nation and is drawn by trade and economics into the larger world, it has increased its military capabilities and its involvement in security outside its own borders. There has been a dramatic shift in the security calculus of the world's second largest economy. The Chinese military budget has had double digit growth over the past two decades. What has this largess bought for China? What is the security environment in which it finds itself in the second decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century? What impact do these fundamental changes portend? This presentation will provide an overview of recent Chinese military development and speculate on the future.

David Burke is a retired Colonel who spent his last four years in the Canadian Forces as the Canadian Defence Attaché in Beijing (2000-2004). He has studied China and modern Chinese history and travelled extensively through China. He spent two years studying Mandarin before taking his post at the Canadian Embassy though his current capability is clearly limited. As a graduate of the first International Security Studies programme in 1999, he is an international fellow of the Chinese National Defence University. Colonel Burke retired from the Canadian Forces and is a consultant to business and government on engineering, project management and training. He continues to pay attention to security issues related to China.

Before Colonel Burke's presentation, Josiah Grant will show a few slides on the Shanghai Youth International Camp he attended in July 2011. He was one of three youth who were selected by the Canada-China Friendship Society of Ottawa to participate in the camp.

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