



The Premier of Ontario - Le Premier ministre de l'Ontario

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A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF ONTARIO

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to extend warm greetings to everyone attending the first annual Canada-China Lawyers Forum in Toronto, hosted by the Canada-China Lawyers Foundation.

As the economies of China and Canada have grown more intertwined, it has become vital for the legal profession in both countries to understand the framework in which they are required to operate. Increasingly, lawyers in China and Canada must provide legal services to their clients within a global context — services that meet international standards in areas as complex as foreign investment and mergers and acquisitions.

That is why my colleagues and I are very pleased that the Canada-China Lawyers Foundation has chosen Toronto as the location of one of its two Canadian forums this year. Thanks to this meeting, lawyers in Ontario will have the opportunity to exchange information and share perspectives with their Chinese counterparts and, in doing so, gain knowledge and insights and establish mutually beneficial professional relationships.

An event of this scope and calibre is only made possible through much hard work and dedication. I would like to commend the Canada-China Lawyers Foundation for investing time and energy in organizing this important gathering of Canadian and Chinese legal minds.

To those participants visiting from China: welcome to Toronto — our province's capital and Canada's largest city. I hope you will find the time to enjoy some of the many stellar sights and attractions this city has to offer.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful and productive forum.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dalton McGuinty".

Dalton McGuinty
Premier of Ontario