



Mayor Fortin Leads Delegation to China

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VICTORIA, BC — Victoria Mayor Dean Fortin leaves this weekend to lead an economic and friendship delegation to China.

“Victoria has had close relations with China for decades, as demonstrated by our 30-year Twin City relationship with Suzhou,” says Mayor Fortin. “Victoria is a gateway to Asia and it’s essential that we continue to foster opportunities around culture, education, business and tourism.”

The two week mission will pay visits to Shanghai, Suzhou, Changsha, and Nanning. During the visit, Mayor Fortin will re-dedicate to our Twin City agreement with Suzhou at a ceremony on April 22. The Mayor will also be present for the opening of the Shanghai World Expo on May 1.

The delegation joining Mayor Fortin includes representatives from the business, tourism, and education sectors within Greater Victoria.

Mayor Fortin will have selected opportunities to report back on the progress of the trip. Trip itinerary and full list of delegates is attached.

The delegation returns to Victoria on May 2.

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	Name	Title	Organization
1.	Dean Fortin	Mayor	City of Victoria
2.	Sheryl Masters	Manager, Protocol and Administration	City of Victoria
3.	Mr. Sasha Angus	Economic Development Officer	Greater Victoria Development Agency
4.	Dave Cowen	General Manager	The Butchart Gardens
5.	Michael Boyle	International Director	Victoria International Academy
6.	Connie Chan	Office of the Vice President, Marketing, Recruitment and Business Development	Royal Roads University
7.	Saul Klein	Director of Executive Programs	University of Victoria
8.	Ignace Ng, Dr.	Professor – Asia Pacific Projects	University of Victoria
9.	Maggie Li (Ms. Li Yue)	UVIC Researcher	University of Victoria
10.	Cathy Yao	Managing Director	BC Office in Guangzhou
11.	Leanne Yi	Business Development Manager	BC Trade & Investment Office, S. China
12.	John McDonald	Managing Director	BC Trade & Investment Office
13.	James Ho	President	Mainstream Broadcasting Corporation CHMB AM 1320 Vancouver
14.	Teresa Wat	CEO COO	Mainstream Broadcasting Corporation CHMB AM 1320 Vancouver
15.	James Lee	President, International Board Advisor	Maxdo Group Limited & University of Victoria

***Please note: Some of the delegates will have separate itineraries at times during the visit; delegation make-up will shift from location to location.*