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QUEBEC TRADE DELEGATION VISITS UKRAINE

May 8 - 16 ... A high level government business trade delegation, headed by Quebec's Minister of International Affairs Guy Rivard, recently completed a successful visit to Ukraine.

The visit had, among its goals, to provide an opportunity for members of the Quebec delegation to make contact with Ukrainian businessmen in their respective fields; to make Ukrainian businessmen aware of Quebec's areas of expertise and specialization; and to identify those sectors in which Ukraine and Quebec could potentially pursue further relationships.

Besides provincial government officials, the delegation included members of the Quebec-Ukraine Business Council, as well as representatives of such institutions as the University of Montréal and Les Hautes Études Commerciales. Official programs had been pre-arranged for the Quebec government officials and businessmen. As the following list indicates, the scheduled meeting covered a wide scope of interests:

- Ukrainian Concern of Medical and Biological Industry (UKRMEDBIOPROM)
- Institute of Public Administration and Centre of Privatization and Management
- Rukh Investment Bank
- Joint Stock Company "Ukrainian Stock Exchange"
- Antonov Aircraft
- International Renaissance Foundation
- Factory of Champagne and Wine Production
- KINTO Bank
- Institute of Pulmonology
- Rukh Economic Coordination Center
- Kyiv State University
- Concern of Broadcasting, Radio, and Television
- Ukraine-Canada Friendship Society
- International Management Institute

- NEOCOM'93 Exhibition
- Oncology-Medtechnik'93 Exhibition
- Ministry of Natural Environment of Ukraine
- Ministry of Agriculture and Food
- Ministry of Communication
- Ministry of Machine Building, Military Industrial Complex and Conversion
- Ministry of Industry
- Ministry of Transportation
- National Bank of Ukraine
- State Committee on Oil and Gas of Ukraine

As well, there were meetings with various Ministers and Ukrainian government officials, including the:

- Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine;
- Deputy Head of the State Committee on Support of Small Business and Entrepreneurship
- Minister of Health of Ukraine, Mr. A. Spizhenko
- Minister of Education of Ukraine, Mr. Talanchuk
- Minister of Finance of Ukraine, Mr. Piatachenko
- Head of the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Yanovsky
- President of Concern of Broadcasting, Radio, and Television, Mr. V. Yurchenko
- Minister of Foreign Economic Relations of Ukraine, Mr. Hertz.

At a special reception organized at the residence of the Canadian Ambassador to Ukraine, François Mathys, the Quebec delegation was able to meet with many Ukrainian officials on a more informal basis. Those present included Dmytro Pavlychko, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs; Yuriy Kostenko, Minister of Environmental Protection; Nikolai Starodub, Deputy Minister of Post and Telecommunications of Ukraine; Yuriy Bohayevsky, Chief of the USA and Canada Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine; and Oleksander Tarabuchin of the Ministry of Finance.

The delegation brought with them a series of concrete proposals, a number of which may be implemented following additional discussions with private and government organizations in Ukraine. Participants noted that this initial visit was fruitful for the Quebec-Ukraine Business Council and promises to bring closer ties between the two governments.

One immediate positive outcome is that a Quebec-Ukraine practical seminar is to be organized in Canada in the upcoming months as a follow-up to the Ukraine trip. ■

QUEBEC SOPROCOM

Among the Quebec delegates to Ukraine in May was Dr. Evhen Yakimiw of Environment Canada's Meteorological Center, who spoke at the Ukrainian Scientific Research Institute of Hydrometeorology. Dr. Yakimiw discussed the state-of-the-art of the research in model forecasting in Canada, which is a leader in environmental sciences. Dr. Yakimiw was representing the Quebec organization SOPROCOM (Société de Promotion des Communications avec l'Ukraine). He made many contacts to further the group's goal of promoting and coordinating relations and exchanges between Quebec, Canada and Ukraine. ■

UKRAINIAN BUSINESS FEDERATION PROGRAM FOR UKRAINE

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The Canadian government was the first western government to officially recognize Ukraine's independence and sovereignty. The Canadian government was also one of the first western governments to recognize Ukraine's urgent need to rebuild and establish a political and institutional framework which would enable the creation of