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**PRIME MINISTER'S BILATERAL MEETING WITH PREMIER WEN**  
**OF CHINA**

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WEN JIABAO (Premier of People's Republic of China):  
(Speaking Mandarin)

INTERPRETER: Mr. Prime Minister, you paid your first visit to China back in 2009. Back then, we had candid and in-depth discussions and issued a joint statement. I believe we can describe that visit as having opened up a new page in our bilateral relationship.

WEN JIABAO: (Speaking Mandarin)

INTERPRETER: At present, the international situation is undergoing profound and complex changes. Strengthening communication and cooperation is our shared aspiration, and also serves the fundamental interests of the two countries and our two peoples. Mr. Prime Minister, I hope to make use of the opportunity offered by your current visit to China to further enhance our mutual understanding and trust so that we can elevate China-Canada relationship to a higher level.

TR. HON. STEPHEN HARPER (Premier ministre du Canada) : Merci, Monsieur le Premier ministre, pour votre accueil chaleureux.

INTERPRÈTE : (Parlant en mandarin)

TR. HON. STEPHEN HARPER : Je suis heureux d'être de retour en Chine. Laureen et moi avons beaucoup apprécié notre dernier voyage en 2001.

INTERPRÈTE : (Parlant en mandarin)

TR. HON. STEPHEN HARPER : Cette semaine je suis accompagné par une dizaine... d'une douzaine, en effet, de députés, y compris cinq ministres de mon cabinet, ainsi qu'une importante délégation des dirigeantes des secteurs clés.

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INTERPRÈTE : (Parlant en mandarin)

RT. HON. STEPHEN HARPER: Together, Canada and China enjoy a strategic partnership based on mutual respect and collaboration, and rooted in strong social and cultural links.

INTERPRETER: (Speaking Mandarin)

RT. HON. STEPHEN HARPER: Canada-China relations have almost... Canada-China exports and trade, I should say, have almost doubled since we took office, and two-way investment is reaching \$20 billion as of 2010.

INTERPRETER: (Speaking Mandarin)

RT. HON. STEPHEN HARPER: People to people ties are growing as well. We have an almost 25 percent increase in Chinese visitors to Canada over the past year alone, and over 60,000 Chinese students studying at our universities.

INTERPRETER: (Speaking Mandarin)

RT. HON. STEPHEN HARPER: Mr. Premier, diversifying our markets is a key priority for Canada. We look forward to expanding our cooperation in many important areas, including energy and natural resources, tourism and education.

INTERPRETER: (Speaking Mandarin)

RT. HON. STEPHEN HARPER: I look forward to wide ranging and frank discussion on this range of issues, economic, trade, investment, international peace and security, (inaudible)...

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