## Non-stop flight to China

## will promote the exchange of multi-cultures with Asian China

As everyone knows, Montreal is a vivid multi-culture city. People are from everywhere around the world. We love this beautiful city. The government encourages people to keep their own traditions. The Chinese government sends different delegations to Canada every year. They bring Chinese cultures performances to Canada to enrich our life. Unfortunately there is no direct flight to Montreal. Instead of that, the delegations have to transfer form other provinces. Consequently, sometime the flight is delayed or some instruments were lost on the way to Montreal. When the performances have started, the instrument was not able to on the stage. Moreover, due to many transactions, some performers became very sick and were not able to perform. Some brilliant performances had to be cancelled. I also knew, some Chinese Arts, for example, Chinese panting artists have made a lot of exhibitions in Toronto and Vancouver, but they do not come to Montreal, one of the most important reason is there is no a direct flight from China. Their works are extremely fragile and very expensive. They were worry about been damaged or lost on the repeated transactions. So as do Chinese ceramic, one of the most beautiful treasure in the world. I am very confidant that after

opening a non-stop flight to China, more and more Chinese artists will come to Montreal to show their arts and make a wonderful conversation, communication with local artists. Meanwhile, the local artist will be much easy to visit China to promote the cultural exchange.

When we are talking about the topic of the multi-culture, we cannot forget a famous Canadian, his name was known by every Chinese like me – his name is Norman Bethune. His sculpture is standing on Square Norman Bethune near Concordia University. All of Chinese people feel so warm when they passing by. His extra-ordinary life is one of the example international culture exchange and still affects of generations around world. He was working and living in Montreal for many years as a famous cardiology surgery doctor before going to China. His perfect surgery saved thousands of people's life and made a particular contribution to the Chinese society. Montrealer should continue to work on it and make the spirit of Bethune more attractive in the world. Chinese tourisms will wish to come to visit. Moreover, someone has suggested that this direct flight should be named as "BETHUNE". I have being told that there is an International Association of Bethune in Canada, they have been working on it to promote our culture exchange.

At this moment, I would like to tell everybody I was born in Beijing.

Beijing is my hometown. My father is 85 years old. I miss him so much. I invited him come to Montreal to live with us, but he can not come. One of the important reason is there is no non-stop flight from Beijing to Montreal. Imagine that, after long distance flying, an aged senior being 85 year old, how can he catch another flight when he is extremely tired?

For the same reason, after opening a non-stop flight, more and more Chinese will be willing to travel and visit to Montreal as relatives, parents, friends or tourisms.

Geographically, from Ottawa to Montreal, people will take Maximum two hours to drive. While from Ottawa to Toronto, it will take 4 hours to arrival. Obviously people will go to Montreal, if there is a non-stop flight. So Montreal flight will cover the capital of Canada and more convenient for the people in Atlantic provinces to travel to China.

Also, I want to mention another famous Canadian: Mark Rowswell, whose stage name is Dashan, has been called the most famous foreigner in China and a cultural icon across the nation.

Born and raised in Ottawa Canada, Mr. Rowswell has wonderful experiences in China. His programs broadcasted nationally to an audience of 800 million television viewers, and Dashan has become a household name literally overnight. Now, Dashan is still a popular

icon in China. He is an excellent cultural ambassador between China and Canada. To many Chinese, Mr. Rowswell is an international role model and a prominent cultural symbol of "East meets West."

His hometown is Ottawa, his parents are in Ottawa. If Montreal has a direct flight to Beijing, he will take this flight. Its lots of fan that travel with such famous icon who is a promoter in culture exchange.

Therefore, adding such fabulous positive components on, the flight will become very famous and attractive.

I have heard that Beijing has opened a non-stop flight to Washington, United States in early this summer. Shanghai is our sister city. However, Montreal has become very slow not only in city's scale but also in economy. What is that mean. It means we are late.

At this point, I have to say: what are we waiting for? Why don't we do something to make a small change in order to face new chapter of Montreal? In my mind, the future of great Montreal metropolitan area will be very modern with population of 6,000,000. It will be the political, economic, transportation and multi-cultural center in east part of Canada and northern of America. Capital Ottawa will be involved in. The city will become very attractive.

Let us work together on our prospective dream to make Montreal more stronger and more prosperous.

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