



# "RCI China-Canada Aboriginal Business Opportunity 2008"

November 2-14, 2008



**Vancouver B.C., September 8, 2008** - Aboriginal Canadians own or control an immense geographical area--a land mass larger than most countries in the world. The barriers to developing more self-sufficiency and leverage (from mining, energy, forestry, fisheries, agriculture, and major infrastructure opportunities) have been access to capital and expertise. From November 2-14, 2008 [RCI Capital Group Inc.](#), and the [Native Investment and Trade Association](#) have collaborated to organize a historic high-level trade mission to China "[RCI China-Canada Aboriginal Business Opportunity 2008](#)"--an event specifically coordinated to address Aboriginal project needs in Canada.

In particular, the trade mission is designed for those Aboriginal groups interested in accessing Chinese investment partners for their Canadian-based natural resources and major infrastructure projects. China's economy continues to boom, and the growing economic super power has amassed enormous cash reserves. While Aboriginal groups need reliable, patient, and long-term sources of capital and expertise, China is seeking access to natural resources and opportunities for major infrastructure investment.



The trade mission represents a focused opportunity to further goals of indigenous self-sufficiency, and has the potential to unleash enormous wealth for future tribal development. Given the respective rise in China and Aboriginal nations (and the mutual Aboriginal/Sino interests), the [RCI China-Canada Aboriginal Business Opportunity 2008](#) trade mission could just be a "marriage made in heaven"--one that could help to raise the living standards and create future wealth and opportunities for both populations.

The trade mission is specially designed to place the numerous Aboriginal natural resources (plus major infrastructure business opportunities) on the front burner and within the radar of key financial players in China, and with some of the world's leading natural resource fund managers, and banks. It will also educate the investment

community and emphasize the many environmental, legal and economic considerations and advantages of partnering directly with Aboriginal groups and businesses when undertaking resource investments within Canada's vast Aboriginal traditional territories.

The trade mission is also designed to allow delegates to partake in other major Canadian-related events taking place in China. In particular, from November 3-7, 2008 delegates can participate in the [Canada China Business Council \(CCBC\)/Council of the Federation's](#) 3-city (Beijing, Shanghai and Chongqing) joint delegation to China that will cap **CCBC's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year** and, at the same time, celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of China's open door policy. Participants in the [major event](#) will join several Canadian premiers and high-powered CEO's in an extraordinary business event highlighted by a [Gala 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet and Canada China Leaders Business Excellence Forum](#). In Beijing from November 11-13, 2008, participants will partake in [China Mining Congress and Expo 2008](#), the 5th anniversary of one of the world's premier mining events. Throughout both events RCI will sponsor a exhibitor information booth and matchmaking services for delegate businesses. As well as attending these events, from November 7-11, 2008, RCI is also coordinating very high-level private meetings for delegation members with business and government contacts specifically aimed at addressing the investment and expertise interests pre-identified by delegates prior to leaving Canada.



The trade mission is being Chaired by Calvin Helin, President of NITA, lawyer, and noted author. Mr. Helin has led a [previous trade mission](#) to China. In his best-selling book, [Dances with Dependency: Out of Poverty through Self-Reliance](#), Helin points to education, economic development (particularly natural resource development) and access to capital as keys to self-sufficiency for Aboriginal nations. From RCI Capital Group Inc. John Park, President, is heading up the initiative and notes that:

Chinese are very practical. They are at an economic high water mark in their development, and are avidly seeking out reliable, long term partners to allow for their continued economic and social development. This historic trade mission can kick start a constructive relationship with Aboriginal Canadians that allows both sides to meet their strategic goals and improve the lives of ordinary people in both populations.

Further information on the trade mission can be obtained from Teresa Ryan at (604) 689-0881 or at [ryantl@shaw.ca](mailto:ryantl@shaw.ca) or by [clicking here](#).

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About [RCI Capital Group Inc \(RCI\)](#):

RCI is the largest manager of investor immigrant capital in Canada. It has been in business since 1996 with John Park as its founding President and Managing director. RCI now has over 60 employees with offices throughout Canada and Asia. It currently manages approximately \$1.6 billion in investment capital for over 4,000 high net worth immigrants who have entered Canada. RCI has extensive experience in doing business with China, and has offices in Beijing, Shanghai, and Guanzhou. The company has previously generously donated to the Shudokan Canada Karate and Education Society- an initiative intended to help inner city (particularly Aboriginal) children and youth through training in martial arts.

About [Native Investment and Trade Association](#):

NITA is a non-profit society founded in 1989 to promote economic self-reliance and strengthen Aboriginal participation in the mainstream economy. To carry out this mandate, it has organized approximately 100 national events throughout its history, and promotes partnerships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal business interests. NITA's motto, "Investing in Self-Reliance", clearly highlights that self-reliance is the goal of economic development.

