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Royal BC Museum exhibition receives warm welcome in China

VICTORIA, BC –On March 3rd, the Royal BC Museum opened its first exhibition in China, at the prestigious Sun Yat Sen Library of Guangdong Province, marking the anniversary of the twinning of BC and Guangdong.

A Royal BC Museum original exhibition, *Tradition in Felicities* highlights, through 70 photographs, the story of the Chinese community in Victoria. The exhibition also includes seven film presentations.

The Sun Yat Sen Library is the provincial library of Guangdong. Located in downtown Guangzhou, it receives 20,000 visitors a day. Its valuable collections include some of the oldest printed books in China and a copy of the Diamond Sutra.

At the opening ceremony, attended by Mr Gu Minqiang, deputy Director General of Culture of Guangdong Province, and Mr Lui, Director of the Library, the Royal BC Museum was praised for bringing its treasures to China. CEO Jack Lohman thanked the Government of Guangdong Province, Cathy Yao of BC Trade and Investment Office and the Canadian Consulate General for their immense support.

The Royal BC Museum is in negotiation on a long term engagement program with museums in Guangzhou. The Royal BC Museum will be taking its *Gold Rush!* exhibition to Guangzhou this November as another cultural exchange activity to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the twinning relationship between BC and Guangdong.

As part of its mandate, the Royal BC Museum is committed to strengthening international partnerships as a means to showcase its world-class collections, thorough research, scholarship and exhibitions.

About the Royal BC Museum

The Royal BC Museum explores the province's human history and natural history, advances new knowledge and understanding of BC, and provides a dynamic forum for discussion and a place for reflection. The museum and archives celebrate culture and history, telling the stories of BC in ways that enlighten, stimulate and inspire. Looking to the future, by 2017 the Royal BC Museum will be a refreshed, modern museum, extending its reach far beyond Victoria as a world-class cultural venue and repository of digital treasures.

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