

FOR RELEASE  
October 28, 2009

#09-251

**Yukon to Develop Sister-Province Relationship with Shaanxi**

WHITEHORSE – Yukon has signed a letter of intent to develop a sister-province relationship with Shaanxi province in China.

“We want to enhance cooperation and create awareness of business and investment opportunities between Yukon and Shaanxi,” Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon said. “This letter of intent shows that we are committed to working together to develop a more formal relationship for the future.”

A sister-province relationship is a show of goodwill and a commitment to work to strengthen the relationship between two geographic areas.

Kenyon signed the letter of intent on behalf of Premier Dennis Fentie in Xi’an, China.

“A sister-province relationship with Shaanxi complements the Yukon Economic Development’s asian investment attraction strategy and supports our efforts to enhance business, trade and investment opportunities for Yukon,” Kenyon added.

Shaanxi has a rich mineral industry and a long history of mineral development. This shared interest has led to the creation of joint ventures, including the Yukon Shaanxi Mining Company Inc., which plans to continue exploration and development in Yukon.

To ensure effective communication between Yukon and Shaanxi, the sister-city division of the Shaanxi Provincial People’s Association of Friendship with Foreign Countries and the Yukon Department of Economic Development have been designated as the liaison offices.

-30-

Contact:

Emily Younker  
Cabinet Communications  
867-633-7961  
[emily.younker@gov.yk.ca](mailto:emily.younker@gov.yk.ca)

MaryRose Metcalfe  
Communications, Economic Development  
867-456-3913  
[maryrose.metcalfe@gov.yk.ca](mailto:maryrose.metcalfe@gov.yk.ca)



Front Row: Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon and Mr. Zhang Baowen, Director General, Foreign Affairs Office of People's Government of Shaanxi Province.

Back Row: Economic Development Deputy Minister Dr. Harvey Brooks and Mr. Sun Feng, Chairman, Northwest Mining and Exploration Group, Shaanxi Province.