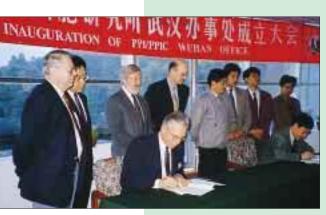
Research and Education: They Are Mankind's Hope



Dr. M.D. Stauffer, PPI/PPIC, (seated at left) and President Liu Ding Fu, Hubei Academy of Sciences, (seated at right) sign agreements at inauguration of PPI/PPIC office in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China.

China's agriculture is emerging and transforming from traditional farming practices to one which strives for high yields, high quality, and high efficiency. This new agricultural objective...based on better science, new technology, and effective industry...is utilizing domestic capability as well as accessing global inputs.

Recent advances can only be characterized as outstanding in terms of rate of development and change, given the formidable challenges of population and a relatively small arable land area. PPI/PPIC has been recognized by our Chinese part-

ners as being significant in the process of helping China meet its food production potential and in rediscovering its capacity to achieve the high level of food production its people require. Of course, advances were made through multiple alliances...with Canpotex Ltd., CIDA, the governments of Canada and Saskatchewan, and most importantly, the government of the People's Republic of China...all using the leverage provided by the North American producers of potash and phosphate fertilizers, through PPI/PPIC.

Alliances are important. China's emergence globally is fundamental to its transformation. Progress in agriculture requires the free-flow of ideas and people, science and technology, goods and services. As world population grows and man's impact on his environment increases, new technologies and further transformations must be sustained. Research and education are the tools. They are mankind's hope. BCI



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