

issues in the broadest sense. The AAC's four divisions - Policy and planning, Social welfare, Education and culture, Economic affairs and land development - reflect this broad mandate. Although we haven't been able to ascertain the Commission's exact budget, they seem to be very well funded. They freely draw financing from other government organs such as the Ministry of Education or the Council for Economic Planning and Development. Against this background the AAC is a very useful contact for CTOT in the cultural and academic fields.

Mr Hua plans to lead an aboriginal performing arts troupe of 30 people to North America later this month. The group will arrive in Toronto on August 28th. Their program in T.O. is arranged by TECO. They leave for Ottawa on the morning of Aug 31st. Depending on what kind of program we (DFAIT and DIAND) can arrange for him, he could stay either one or two nights.

Hua would like to take this opportunity to meet, informally, with officials who handle aboriginal issues in Ottawa. It would probably be good for him to be briefed on Canadian policy at the start of his visit, perhaps by DIAND? Hua would also like to discuss the eventual signature of an MOU on cultural and academic exchanges. (SC)

the AAC has already drafted an MOU in both Chinese and English and sent it to MOFA for approval. We would, of course, need to seek the views of AGA on this - see below.

AFN have already indicated their interest in meeting Mr Hua, and CTOT expects an answer from Allan Torbitt, who is responsible for their international relations, about their plans by the end of the week.

Hua has also been invited by Mr Flint Eagle, a Mohawk chief from Kahnawake, to pay a return visit to their community near Montreal should he be able to visit Canada in the near future. (Flint Eagle has been in Taiwan three times, most recently in April, and had very productive meetings with Mr Hua and his officials. He has been in direct contact with the AAC and in light of Mr Hua's proposed visit to Toronto has proposed that Mr Hua visit Kahnawake on September 2nd.) Flint Eagle has also promised CTOT a detailed itinerary by the end of this week. Hua plans to leave for New York on September 3rd.

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We have taken the liberty of copying our colleagues in AGA on this exchange and would be grateful to know Norma Mickleborough could assist us in setting up a meeting/briefing on September 1st or 2nd with appropriate

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