

officer in the international relations division at DIAND and with DFAIT's councillor for aboriginal affairs, Blaine Favel (AAX).

The goal of these meetings/briefings would be to give Mr Hua a better understanding of how government and first nations in Canada interact and what current issues of interest are, both domestically and internationally.

Mr Hua would probably also benefit from a briefing from Ambassador Simmons and colleagues in ASX regarding the unique role that the Inuit play in the management of circumpolar issues internationally.

This visit squarely falls under the "people-to-people" element of the CTOT/TECO mandate and the Aboriginal Affairs Commission and Chairman Hua are potential CTOT allies when the time comes to pursue further cooperation in this area. (IE: the AAC has considerable funds and contacts that could be put to good use should we be in a position to organize cultural tours to Taiwan by Canadian First Nations' groups. The commission also has a keen interest in pursuing education exchanges with Canadian schools, colleges and universities.)

#### RECOMMENDATION

Against the above background, we recommend that this visit proceed

We will brief the AAC prior to Mr Hua's departure for Canada that it should not expect to sign anything on this trip, but instead work with us to put in place the means at a later date.

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I read in the commercial section meeting a report from Sylvia Yan to the effect that the above Chair was scheduled to visit Ottawa in late August to "sign a memorandum" with Indian and Northern Affairs. A phone call to TECO confirmed the fact, but they had few details.

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