Mike:

We are just barely out from under a blizzard of activity (True North, Canadian Studies, Aboriginal MOU and related events). Let me just say that, while more detailed reports are forthcoming, all events have been successfully completed. The aboriginal MOU was especially positive in terms of our local contacts, media coverage (which focussed on the aboriginal cooperation dimension rather than the bilateral politics) and in terms of our own participating aboriginal reps (who have pledged their willingness to support events on the Canadian side). In addition to thanking the tireless Mark McDowell (about whom more will be said) I wanted to thank you, John et al for being willing to lend crucial support at the 11th hour. It really will pay dividends for Canada in Taiwan. All the best!

David