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**From:** Mark McDowell [markandrewmcdowell@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** August 31, 2001 6:06 PM  
**To:** james.mitchell@dfait-maeci.gc.ca; weldon.epp@dfait-  
**Subject:** Fwd: Re: Mackay Tour  
 WE and JM

This message from the ROM is completely outrageous. In addition to efforts by Shun Ye and you guys to make them see the light, it might be worth David Mulrone (as Asia Pacific guy) and me (as Intl Aboriginal guy) to weigh in. ROM is really making me feel ashamed here. They are being unbelievably unreasonable. Why are they in such a big hurry to put their artefacts back in drawers for another hundred years? I will email David about this and talk to him as soon as I get to Ottawa.

Mark

>From: "etytc"  
 >To: "Melissa Thompson"  
 >CC: "     Eric", "CaJames.Mitchell@Dfait-Maeci.Gc."  
 >Subject: Re: Mackay Tour  
 >Date: Thu, 30 Aug 2001 11:44:54 +0800  
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 >Dear Melissa:  
 >ROM and Shung Ye Museum has great success in corperation for the Dr, MacKay  
 >Exhibition and I believe we are encouraged to have tour venus for such  
 >excellent exhibition. The reason of "additional ROM staff are not  
 >available to allow the tour to proceed" is difficult for us to understand.  
 >I will need to report this situation to Canadian Trade Office in Taipei and  
 >my Director immediately, and reply to you after our meeting.  
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 >Sincerely,  
 >Yi-Ting  
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 >----- Original Message -----  
 >From: "Melissa Thompson"  
 >To:  
 >Cc: "Barry McQuade" ; "Chris Palmer"  
 >Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2001 10:32 PM  
 >Subject: Mackay Tour  
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 >> Dear Yi-Ting,  
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 >> Mr. Dan Rahimi, Director of Collections Management, has deliberated on all  
 >>aspects necessary to fulfill all details involved in an exhibition tour.  
 >>Additionally, he has also given the ROM's role in the tour careful  
 >>consideration.  
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 >> Mr. Rahimi has determined, that in order for the ROM to agree to proceed  
 >>with a tour, this is in addition to approving all proposed tour venues, more  
 >>ROM staff would be required to be in Taiwan. It has been decided that at  
 >>least 2 ROM staff would be needed to accompany the shipments to and from

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