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**CACOR cordially invites you to a Luncheon Meeting**

**Topic: *Greening China: Living in “interesting” times***

Speaker: **Ted Manning**  
Date: **Wednesday Feb 8 2012**  
Time: **12:00 to 2:00 PM**

Place: **Army Officers' Mess**, 149 Somerset Street West, Ottawa

**Cost:** \$25 general admission; \$20 for members, their spouses and student guests  
The downstairs ante-room and dining area will be open at 11:30 a.m. for those who wish to meet and greet friends and colleagues prior to lunch.

**Please confirm attendance by replying to this e-mail on or before Monday February 6<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that CACOR is responsible for payment of guests who have registered. If you register and need to change your commitment, please inform us as well before June 6<sup>th</sup>, thank you for your assistance in this matter.**

**About the presentation:**

**Greening China: Living in “interesting” times.**

In a few decades, China has moved from a closed, agrarian backwater to one of the largest and dynamic economies on the planet. Its journey to modernization has been perhaps the most rapid in history, and a pressure cooker for all the issues of industrialization, population, pollution and social change concentrated in a very short period. In this process, China has become one of the countries with the greatest challenges relating to resources, contamination of the air water and land and the management of consumption. It has some of the greatest problems to overcome yet may also have some of the strongest capacity to respond effectively. China is doing more than almost all other countries combined to combat desertification, to clean up pollution and to control population growth. It now has the world's largest “green” industry sector dominating world production of for example solar panels. Will this work? What China does affects the whole world. This presentation draws on work in China spanning more than 25 years with organizations ranging from local communities to state enterprises to the Central Party School and Beijing bureaucracy on projects designed to mobilize China to take charge of the key risks and ultimately “green” China.



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**Interest to CACOR:** As the country with the largest population on the planet, and one of the most rapidly changing societies and economies, what China does is very important. China has both some of the greatest environmental impacts and greatest capacities to deal with them. How China deals with its environment and other elements of sustainability affects us all.

**About the speaker:**

**Ted Manning** has been working on sustainable development for more than 30 years, with projects in more than 40 countries. His work focuses on better decision-making by government and industry, particularly with respect to environmental issues. He first visited China in 1986 as part of an exchange of experts in land and water issues, and returned the next year to work with China's State Land Agency on a project to computerize China's land records and to establish the basis for privatization of lands in China's new free trade zones. In 1992, Ted was an advisor and peer reviewer to China on development of China's Agenda 21 and helped establish China's sustainable development secretariat. He was advisor to China in establishing its first "participatory planning" program and lectured to the Chief Planners of all States at sessions in Beijing. During most of the 1990s Ted (along with his wife Margo) worked with the Foundation for International Training on the CIDA project to clean up pollution on the lower Yangtze river and to train several thousand factory managers and government operatives on cleaner production systems and environmental education programs and also ran workshops on sustainable tourism development in China for the UN World Tourism Organization in Guilin and Yangshuo. In 2005 Ted taught sustainable development and environmental management and sustainable tourism courses to senior officials at the Central Party School in Beijing, as part of a Canadian School for the Public Service program in China. Ted is still travelling to China frequently as adult education and environmental training specialist on a CIDA project on workplace health and safety for migrant workers in Chongqing. He is President, Tourisk Inc. and a Director of CACOR.