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A Malayan tiger growls at the National Zoo in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, last December. Malaysia is among several countries working to double the world's wild tiger population by 2022. Several species of tiger are now extinct and many more endangered. See Page 5 World REUTERS/BAZUKI

# Cannon called on to expel diplomat

### 13 organizations want Chinese official declared persona non grata

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TORONTO—A Chinese diplomat in Ottawa has ignited a chorus of voices calling for his expulsion from Canada following the release of a tape that catches him directing Chinese students to battle against Chinese Canadians.

Liu Shaohua, first secretary of the education section at the Chinese Embassy, appears to have been a key organizer of the welcome rallies that greeted Chinese Hu Jintao during his visit to Ottawa last month in advance of the G20 in Toronto.

But as Liu explains on the tape, those rallies were more about counteracting and battling Chinese dissident groups than about welcoming the Chinese leader.

An audio tape obtained by The Epoch Times captures Liu saying the embassy

would cover the cost of hotels, food, travel, and clothing for what he estimated would be 3,000 people to welcome Hu from as far away as Waterloo, Ont.

Liu describes that as "little money," in light of the "political struggle" the Chinese regime is waging, the goal being to overshadow human rights advocates who planned to protest during Hu's visit.

He tells the students that because they are on Chinese state scholarships they are expected to attend and must ask permission if they will be absent from events for more than four hours.

"You do not talk about it outside. Do not talk about it to anyone except to people in this circle."

Liu makes reference to Tibetan, Uyghur, and democracy activists, but focuses mainly on Falun Gong, a spiritual group persecuted by the communist regime in China.

Liu's remarks have disturbed members of various communities in Canada, including Uyghurs, Falun Gong, and Tibetans. In total, 13 organizations and four prominent individuals on Wednesday issued a call to Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Foreign Affairs, to have Liu declared persona non grata and expelled from the country.

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# Canada's Korean War vets get recognized

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The year 2010 is important for Canada's Korean War veterans in more ways than one. It marks the 60th anniversary of the start of the war, and it is the first year that veterans have been honoured with their own "day"—Korean War Veterans Day on July 27.

That date marks the ceasefire of the three-year war that prevented communist North Korea from absorbing the Republic of Korea (now South Korea) after its forces invaded the south in 1950.

Terry Wickens, president of the Korean War Veterans Association of Canada, says he's "ecstatic" that Canada's Korean War vets have been honoured in this way.

"This is the first time we've been

recognized officially by the Government of Canada," he says.

Such recognition is especially important for veterans of what has become known as the "Forgotten War," so called because it was deemed a conflict more so than a war, had fewer casualties than the world war that preceded it, and ended in a stalemate rather than a triumphant victory.

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# Getting schooled by Beijing

### Spymaster Fadden warns Confucius Institutes aim to teach more than language

By MATTHEW LITTLE  
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TORONTO—When Chinese authorities sent in paramilitary troops to quash Tibetan unrest just months before the Beijing Olympics in 2008, one University of Waterloo instructor rallied her students to "work together to fight with Canadian media" who reported the regime's heavy-handed tactics.

Yan Li, a former reporter with the Chinese Communist Party's official Xinhua News Agency, recounted her efforts to confront media sympathy with "Tibetan separatists" in an article posted on a website serving Chinese literature scholars in North America.

Yan used class time to explain "the history of Tibet and its current situation," showing students a map with Tibet clearly inside China.

"Under her influence, some Canadian students bravely debated with anti-China elements on the Internet, some wrote to television stations and newspapers to point out that their reporting was not according to the facts," the article said.

Eventually, one major Canadian television station even apologized as a result of the "combined efforts" of Yan and her students.

And none of this would have been possible without Beijing's efforts to establish Confucius Institutes, such as the one Yan directs at the University of Waterloo.

"What deeply touched me was that though the state still has many areas still needing urgent improvement, they invest such a huge amount of money abroad to establish Confucius Institutes one by one," Yan is quoted as explaining. "From a strategic perspective, perhaps this is a necessary part of the long-term plan, to gain the world's understanding and friendship as China is rising again."

It's a huge investment indeed. The BBC reported in 2006 that the Chinese regime had

set aside US\$10 billion to establish the first 100 Confucius Institutes by this year. Then the plan grew. According to Xinhua, there are 316 Confucius Institutes in 94 countries and regions as of this month.

SOFT POWER 101

The schools are part of a broader effort by the regime to extend "soft power" via culture and education. When visiting Chinese leader Hu Jintao met with Prime Minister Stephen Harper in Ottawa last month, the two came away announcing plans for a Chinese-funded cultural centre in Canada, and plans for Beijing to host 100 Canadian education officials and principals, and 100 middle school students on visits.

But the growth of the Confucius Institutes concerns those who monitor Chinese efforts to exert influence in Canada.

Besides his explosive comments that some Canadian politicians could be under foreign influence, CSIS (Canadian Security Intelligence Service) Director Richard Fadden also exposed the danger posed by the quiet expansion of Confucius Institutes in Canadian post-secondary schools.

While the Chinese regime promotes the institutes as a place to learn Chinese language and culture, they are commonly seen as part of Beijing's efforts to expand its soft power and non-military influence. Critics of the institutes allege they are propaganda entities that can interfere with the academic independence of the universities they are often attached to.

Speaking to an audience of police, military and intelligence personnel at the Royal Canadian Military Institute in March, Fadden said the institutes are controlled by Chinese Embassies and Consulates. He lumped them together with some of Beijing's other efforts to steer Canadian China policy.

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# Millionaire plans to farm Detroit out of abandonment and desolation

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MICHIGAN—With over 121.4 square kilometres of vacant land, it's hard to drive down a Detroit street without seeing overgrown lots and abandoned, sometimes decomposing, buildings.

Arson and crime are a continuing problem in the once-mighty Motor City and unemployment is at more than 25 percent, well over the American average of about 10 percent.

Unlike in most big American cities where land is an asset, in Detroit it can be a liability. There are opportunities to buy a foreclosed house for as little as \$1 in Detroit.

Mayor Dave Bing is currently moving forward with a plan to demolish 10,000 vacant houses and "shrink" the city to match a population that has shrunk to about half of what was in 1950, when the American auto industry was thriving.

"We got trapped by our own success; now we have to reinvent ourselves," said John Hantz, one of the few multi-millionaires left within Detroit's city limits.

A few years ago, Hantz decided it was time to invest in his city of 20 years. He hatched a plan to use C\$30.9 million of his own money to buy up a large quantity of Detroit's cheap land and farm it for everything it's worth—an unprecedented undertaking.

Though delayed for about a year, Hantz estimates that he will start with 1 to 1.13 square kilometres by spring 2011, making it the largest urban farm in the world. First crops will include apples, tomatoes, lettuce, and even wood—trees will help purify the soil, and the long-term cost-benefit of wood is viable, according to Hantz.

HOW IT STARTED

While driving to his office in the suburbs of Detroit (the reverse route of most local commuters) about two years ago, Hantz realized that if he really wanted Detroit to change for the better, he would have to stop looking to others.

"I was thinking, 'Well, someone needs to do something,' and then I had that hated dreadful feeling that someone might be, like, me," he said.

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