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Summary information

Repository:	Dalhousie University Archives
Title:	Canada-China Friendship Association fonds
Reference code:	MS-11-2, Boxes 1-7
Date:	1973-1980 (date of creation)
Language:	English
Physical description:	98 cm of textual records (7 boxes). - 2807 photographs : slides ; 35 mm. -- ca. 75 audiocassette tapes.
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Canada-China Friendship Association (CCFA) was formed in October 1973 by fifteen Halifax residents as a direct result of a visit to China earlier that year by Herb and Ruth Gamberg, two of the association's founding members. The association hoped to enhance understanding between Canadian and Chinese people by providing information about the establishment and development of a new society in China. The People's Republic of China had been admitted to the United Nations in 1971 and CCFA's had already been established in other parts of Canada in response to a national growing interest in China. The CCFA arranged many activities to promote awareness about China, including public lectures, film and slide shows, cultural displays, and exhibitions. They also compiled and distributed literature about China and organized two trips to the country, one in 1975 and another in 1977.

The CCFA decided to terminate its activities on 13 November 1979. The group felt that there was now information available about China that was accurate and unbiased which they felt had not been the case when the group formed. Secondly, China had been viewed as a unique, progressive society that was taking new steps towards social development when the association was founded. By 1979, members seriously questioned whether that direction was being maintained.

Custodial history

The records were donated by Ms. Olga Scibior, a former CCFA member, on June 10, 1980. Accession 59-80.

Scope and content

This fonds consists of records related to the governance of the association, meeting minutes, the activities of the various committees and sub-committees, membership lists, newsletters, and correspondence. It also includes program materials the CCFA used to promote knowledge and awareness about China; documents regarding the Communist Party of China; reference materials; a large collection of slides, primarily of two trips the association organized, one to China in 1975 and one to Asia in 1977; audiocassettes; and materials related to the lecture "How China Feeds 800 Million People" which includes a slide show, audiocassette, and transcription.

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Restrictions on access

There are no access restrictions on these materials. All materials are open for research.

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Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Communist Party of China.
- Graphic material (documentary form)
- Sound recording (documentary form)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Communism and international relations (subject)
- Correspondence (subject)
- International relations--20th century (subject)
- Minutes and proceedings (subject)

- Nonprofit organizations--Canada (subject)
- Photographs (subject)
- Societies--Archives (subject)
- China (place)
- Halifax (N.S.) (place)

Collection holdings
