

## **In This Issue**

Based on input from the participants of the transnational corporations (TNCs) and Canada-China foreign direct investment international conference in 2007, this issue mainly covers the conference papers, which is edited by the TNConline team members. After more than one year of preparation, the initiative for the conference took place at the Courtyard Marriott hotel in downtown Ottawa on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, resulting from the fact that TNCs and FDI in China attracted worldwide attention including Canada seeing it as an increasingly important trade partner.

The original idea of organizing such a conference was proposed by a number of professionals from both Canada and China in early 2006. The proposal was positively acknowledged by Professor Manfred Bienefeld of Carleton University in Canada, who has consistently supervised the planning and implementation of the conference and later joined by Dr. Karl Sauvant of Columbia University in the United States. After that, a number of well-known advisors were requested, who included: Dr. Someshwar Rao, Director of Strategic Investment Analysis Directorate at Industry Canada; Dr. Anne Miroux, Head of Investment Analysis Branch, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development; Dr. Yongding Yu, Director of the Institute of World Economy and Politics, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences; and Dr. Yanzhong Zhang, Member of Chinese Academy of Engineering and former General Manager of Aviation Industry Corporation of China.

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