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## DOLE MEETS WITH KANSAS 'SISTER STATE' OFFICIALS IN CHINA

(Beijing, China) -- Kansas Sen. Bob Dole met with top officials from Henan Province, the Chinese sister state of Kansas, to look for ways to expand the already promising relationship between the two agricultural entities.

During a meeting with Yue Shaiaoxia, vice chairman of the standing committee of Henan Province, and Cai Liuhai, director of the foreign affairs office for the People's Government of Henan, Dole underscored the economic potential of the sister-state relationship.

"We're off to a good start, and I know we can do even more," Dole said. "Kansas already has two projects worth \$3 million in Henan and we look forward to boosting that investment figure in coming years. It's a real opportunity." The two Kansas projects are a feed manufacturing facility and a grain silo in the agriculture-rich central Chinese province.

"The Chinese told me they are willing to do more. In fact, they've just recently sent a catalogue to Kansas State University outlining 128 potential projects, and if Kansas can pick up a few of those, so much the better," Dole said.

Dole met with the Henan officials on the same day a 30-member trade delegation from that province left Beijing on a month-long mission to the U.S. Included in the visit is a 10-day stay in Kansas where Henan Province will have an arts and handicrafts exhibit at the Kansas state fair.

Vice Chairman Yue told Dole that he viewed the meeting as "a demonstration of Kansas' interest in strengthening the sister-state bond" and that there is a "bright trade potential for both states."

Dole also promised the Chinese officials that he would try to cut through federal red tape that is said to be preventing scores of Chinese students from coming to the U.S. to study agriculture at Kansas State University and other institutions. According to Yue, the U.S. Labor Department is holding up a student exchange program because the U.S. government will not grant the students labor certificates.