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**China’s Oil Sands Strategy Brings Challenges and Opportunities for Aboriginals**

Edmonton—MacEwan University’s School of Business is pleased to host a panel discussion on China’s energy strategy for the oil sands. The keynote address, entitled, *China’s Energy Strategy in the Alberta Oil Sands*, will be presented by Professor Zhen Wang, Dean of the School of Business Administration at the China University of Petroleum. His research has focused on international investment and acquisitions by Chinese firms.

The other panel guests include:

Professor Lianong Feng, Dean of the Department of Economics, China University of Petroleum. Before his research and teaching career in international petroleum economics, Dr. Feng worked in Kazakhstan on issues around crude oil transportation.

Chief Wilton Littlechild is a respected lawyer and operates the law firm J. Wilton Littlechild on the Erminskin Reserve. He is a strong advocate for the rights of Indigenous Peoples of Canada. Chief Littlechild also served as a Member of Parliament for the riding of Wetaskiwin-Rimby.

Grand Chief Marvin Yellowbird is Chairman of the Board of Peace Hills Insurance. He has been given a unique opportunity to have a voice in shaping education initiatives for First Nations communities in the Treaty Six Confederacy and throughout Canada.

Neil Reddekopp, Ackroyd LLP, for many years has been advising and representing First Nations communities with regard to economic development issues.

The conference is supported by the Alberta Rural Development Network (ARDN), a not-for-profit partnership of Alberta’s 21 public post-secondary institutions.

When: Thursday, October 25 (8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.)

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