



## News Release

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### **Waving Goodbye to the Maritimes, En Route to Québec - E.T. Conquers Tendonitis and Stormy Cold Weather**

October 29, 2005 (TORONTO) – Nicknamed “E.T.”, the duo of Eddie Hui from Scarborough and Tony Wong from Markham have been challenged by unstable weather and deteriorating health conditions during their expedition on foot to raise funds for providing education to underprivileged children in China. Marching their way to the 60<sup>th</sup> day away from home, the duo has experienced rainy nights in a leaking tent, losing their tent to strong winds and storms, and a record of 6 days and nights without shower and 3 days of relying on only snack bars for food.

With the help of their friend, Terrence Au from Toronto, E.T. was driven to the Confederation Bridge to participate in the annual Terry Fox commemoration event. After that, the walking expedition resumed where they had left off. Bringing mooncakes along, Terrence celebrated the Chinese mid-autumn festival with E.T., who then enjoyed the spirit of home away from home.

It is apparent that the duo has lost weight and become more mature. Apart from spiritual and interpersonal learning experiences, E.T. has also discovered the significance of “a good piece of land for tents”, which should ideally be covered for maximum weather protection and downward sloping for best drainage. Just before Thanksgiving, the weather in New Brunswick was very cold and stormy. After a night of sleep, they woke up to a tent and a mattress totally soaked in. Wearing a tuque, three pairs of pants and three-in-one parkas, the two young men limped to a gas station for food and came out to see their tent gone with the wind. With bags and unshaved faces, they were stopped by police officers in New Brunswick, where 10 Chinese immigrants had recently landed, among which 6 escaped. Fortunately, their expedition has been properly documented with the police and they were well protected. A family passing by recognized them from a TV interview, and invited them home for a nice family Thanksgiving turkey dinner.

Limping pain has kept them company. On October 3, they stopped by a clinic where the naturopathic doctor and reflexologist reported they were low in calcium. Apart from massages, he also gave them advice on how to perform better and to stay healthy throughout the journey, as well as a hot meal of home grown vegetables. At a hospital close to Edmunston, Tony was diagnosed with tendonitis in the left ankle. After an x-ray test, Eddie was advised to stop the activity until the pain goes away before causing more damage to his inflamed muscles. E.T. subsequently changed plans so that Eddie would drive beside Tony, who would continue on foot.

Currently, they are venturing into the land of Québec, where they will soon be greeted by the media for live coverage and celebrations in the China town of Montréal. They are expected to return to Toronto in the last week of November, when they will receive the “Youth of the Year 2005” Award from Chinese Cultural Centre for Greater Toronto - Youth Chapter. The return date is highly dependent on their progress and health. They need your community to succeed. Send them regards at (416) 804-8955 and track their expedition at [www.EThomehome.com](http://www.EThomehome.com).

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## Backgrounder

Culture Regeneration Research Society (CRRS) was founded in 1994 as a non-profit and non-political academic organization in Vancouver, British Columbia, by Dr. In-Sing Leung and Honorary Patron, Hon. Dr. David See-Chai Lam, British Columbia's 25th Lieutenant-Governor. With over 5000 members, CRRS aims to improve the quality and delivery of basic education in the underserved regions of rural Guanxi Province of China, through the Growing Seeds Project. Inspired by Canadian role model, Terry Fox, "E.T." are financing their own journey, covering a distance of over 2,000 kilometres across six provinces to support this project.

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