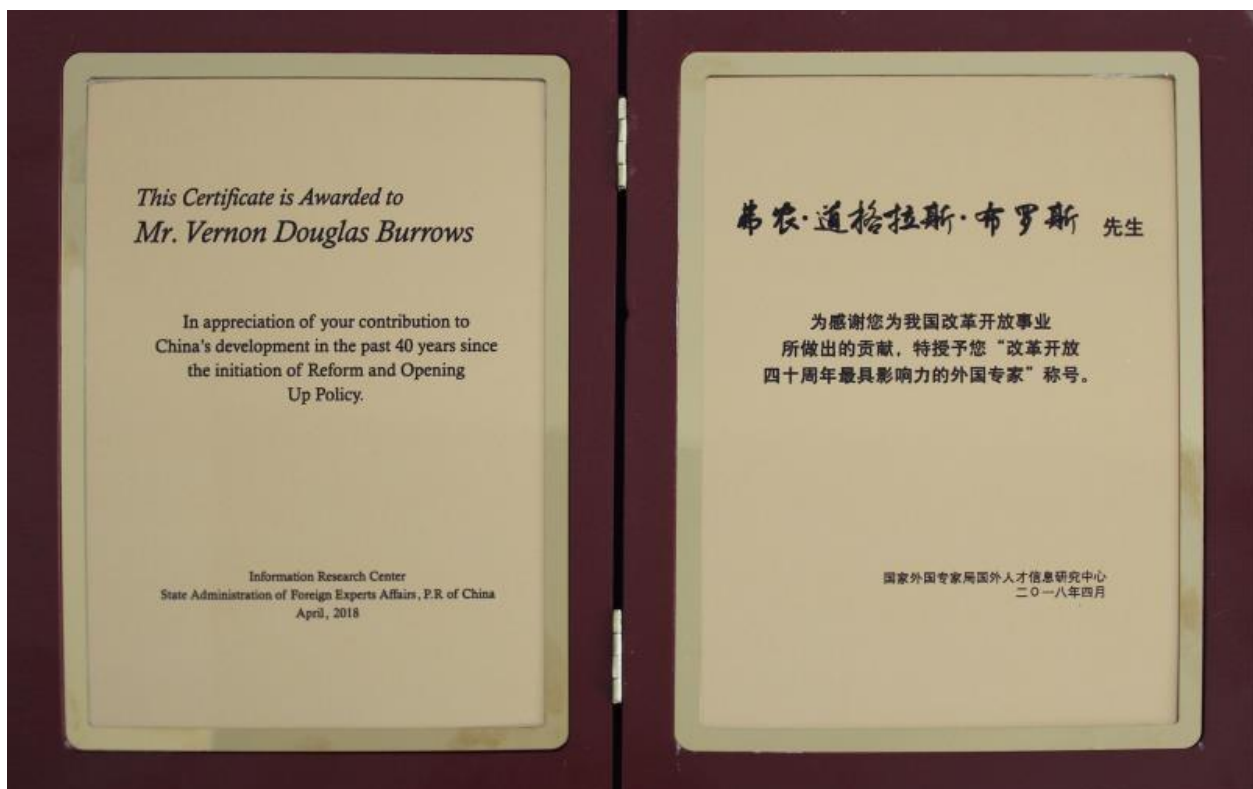


Vern Burrows receives three new honours

On November 19th, 2018, Vern Burrows was [promoted to Officer of the Order of Canada](#) by Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada. The presentation was made on February 1st, 2019, and can be seen [here](#). Vern had been made a Member of the Order in 2001.

This promotion was made, in part, because of recognition Vern has received recently from other groups. In April, 2018, the State Administration of Foreign Experts Affairs of the People's Republic of China honoured Vern's contributions to China's development during the last 40 years and presented him with a plaque.



The plaque from P.R.C. honouring Vern's contributions to China's development

On June 11, 2018, Vern was presented with the President's Award from the [Canadian Celiac Association](#) (CCA). The award was presented by [Shelley Case, RD](#), along with Marion Zarkadas, MSc.

Vern has been involved with the CCA for many years, both as a member of the CCA Professional Advisory Board (with Shelley and Marion), and through his oat breeding efforts as Scientist Emeritus with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) in Ottawa.



Vern receiving the award from Shelley, with Marion in the background



Shelley presents Vern with a copy of her latest book, “Gluten Free: The Definitive Resource Guide”, then reminisces with Vern about their time together on the Professional Advisory Board.

In 2016, AAFC [released a video](#) about Vern’s accomplishments.

Congratulations, Vern!

-Charlene Wight, February 2019