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## CANADA FOUNDATION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mark MacGuigan, announced today that Mr. John Bruk, Chairman of Cyprus Anvil Mining Corporation, Vancouver, has accepted his invitation to undertake a study of the feasibility of establishing a Canada Foundation for Asia and the Pacific.

The usefulness of establishing such a Foundation has been under consideration for some time as a means of promoting Canadian interests in the Asia and Pacific region. Dr. MacGuigan noted that the Pacific dimension of Canada's external personality has continued to develop in a very healthy way and Canada's relations with the region show growing promise and diversity. "My discussions with our Asian friends as well as my interpretation of Canadian attitudes and expectations indicate a belief that the full potential of these relations has not been exploited," Dr. MacGuigan said. "What appears to be needed is a means by which all of these relationships -- political, economic, cultural -- can be fostered and supported and greater mutual awareness stimulated between Canadians and the peoples of Asia and the Pacific. A foundation for Asia and the Pacific, removed from government and serving as a clearing house for ideas and support for initiatives, might fill this need."

"In examining the feasibility of this idea, Mr. Bruk during the course of his study has been asked to consult representatives of provincial governments, academic institutions, business, labour and others with an interest in Pacific relations; he will report his findings to me in the New Year," Dr. MacGuigan concluded.