

I want to thank the Canadian Bureau for International Education for sponsoring this event today and for including me in it. I very much appreciate your work over the past 26 years as a bridge to Canada for foreign students and a bridge to the world for Canadian students. Your motto, "Education without borders or bounds," is singularly apt for today's post-Cold War context, as nations seek new ways, not always very successfully, to secure peaceful and productive alliances.

However, this conference can contribute to successful new alliances by addressing the relationships between education and trade, key factors for global prosperity. It also implicitly recognizes the value of co-operation, sharing and even compassion for fellow human beings -- qualities that can ensure the long-term stability of any international relationship.

Obviously the conference objective is based on idealism. Thus this conference has a foundation of idealism, but it is also of practical assistance as Canadians try to make their way in today's world, with its seemingly relentless rivalries and intractable battles. The simple fact is that emerging developments in technology, trade and investment tie our fate to that of other nations and other individuals. Those ties can be positive or negative.

In the positive sense, Saskatchewan has long understood the ties that bind. Nowhere in Canada has the co-operative movement been stronger. Nowhere in Canada have communities been more successful in pooling their resources and working in common cause, whether through the wheat pool, the credit union movement or universal health care, all of which were essentially invented here. Even the Roughriders are owned and operated by the community -- everybody's a quarterback!

Simply put, in Saskatchewan, co-operation, sharing and compassion are a way of life.

The world, and Canada, can use more of this kind of inventiveness, this kind of co-operation in these turbulent times.

No individual, no community and no country can expect to "go it alone" in the world of the 1990s. We are more than ever an integral part of the global community. This is as true for our universities as it is for our industries. In fact, no matter what the issue is -- environment, trade, security, culture or education -- what happens abroad has a direct and far-reaching impact on our lives here at home -- as, I may say, our actions have on others'.

Here, in the landlocked heart of our nation, this is well recognized. With an economy heavily dependent on exports and a population very close to and proud of its immigrant roots,