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"On the occasion of Canada's 113th birthday I should like to take the opportunity of extending greetings and good wishes to all our readers."

– L. Michael Berry
Canadian High Commissioner

Canada's Foreign Minister Visits Singapore

Dr Mark MacGuigan, Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs will pay an official visit to Singapore June 29 – July 1. During the two day visit Dr MacGuigan will hold discussions with Singapore government leaders including Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, Second Deputy Prime Minister (Foreign Affairs) S. Rajaratnam, Foreign Minister S. Dhanabalan and Trade and Industry Minister Goh Chok Tong. For many years Canada and Singapore have enjoyed good relations founded upon a shared membership in the Commonwealth and many similar perceptions of international issues. Dr MacGuigan's trip will reinforce this relationship and highlight the fact that Singapore is Canada's largest trading partner in Southeast Asia.

Prior to his arrival in Singapore Dr MacGuigan visited Kuala Lumpur from June 27 – 29 where he participated in discussions with ASEAN Foreign Ministers subsequent to their annual meeting. Among the subjects reviewed were events in Indochina, the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and Canada-Asean development co-operation projects. The meetings in Kuala Lumpur served to strengthen the growing relationship between Canada and Asean.

Dr MacGuigan's visit to Southeast Asia follows attendance at a NATO Ministerial meeting in Ankara and the Venice Summit which brought together leaders of the West's seven major economic powers.