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## PACIFIC BASIN ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETING

The Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today that he will address the Seventeenth International General Meeting of the Pacific Basin Economic Council (PBEC), being held in Vancouver, B.C. from May 21-24. Mr. MacEachen will address a luncheon session of the Council on May 22 on the subject of Canada's relations with the Asia-Pacific region.

PBEC is an international grouping of senior business executives having an interest in the Pacific region, and it focuses on the potential for increasing regional cooperation among private sectors and governments. The PBEC membership is drawn primarily from Canada, Japan, the United States, Australia and New Zealand, but the organization also includes individuals from the developing and newly industrialized countries of the region.

A notable foreign participant at the Vancouver meeting will be New Zealand Prime Minister Sir Robert Muldoon.

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