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SEOUL, KOREA — October 20-21, 2003 — This year marks the 40th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Canada and Korea and 30 years since the Canadian Embassy first opened in Seoul. To commemorate these anniversaries, the Embassy has launched **Celebration 2003**, a year packed with



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take part in the Canada-
Korea celebration.

events to trumpet the relationship's successes and accomplishments. The Canadian Embassy in Seoul is drawing together several great trade promotion events into one outstanding package and Pierre Pettigrew, Canada's Minister for International Trade, will be in Seoul to

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Canadian defence mission to Central Europe

WARSAW, BUDAPEST AND PRAGUE — November 3-11, 2003 — The Canadian Embassies in Warsaw, Budapest and Prague are co-organizing a defence industries mission to promote Canadian capabilities in that sector and to develop new opportunities in Central Europe.

The modernization of armed forces in Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic will involve North Atlantic Treaty Organisation infrastructure investments and military upgrade and

procurement programs. For instance, Poland plans to spend about \$5.5 billion annually until 2006 on defence services and equipment, restructuring and upgrades, while Hungary plans to spend \$5.2 billion over the next ten years. In addition, the Czech Ministry of Defence, with a budget of \$2.6 billion this year, considers the modernization of its military a top priority. Cooperation with local partners in these European Union (EU) accession countries could open

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