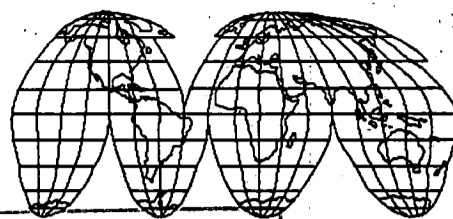


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MacLaren Leads Major Trade Mission to India and Visits Bangladesh

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The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, announced that he will visit the Republic of India and the People's Republic of Bangladesh from October 8 to 15. During his visit to India, Mr. MacLaren will be accompanied by a business delegation of over 40 participants. This mission will enable him to promote Canadian capabilities and to support the marketing efforts of numerous Canadian companies pursuing new opportunities in this market. "India is one of the most promising markets in the Asia-Pacific region for Canadian business," said Mr. MacLaren. "Since 1991, the Indian economy has undergone vast economic reforms, which have substantially enhanced internal competition and foreign access to this market. As India proceeds with further reform, the opportunities for Canadian business will grow."

MacLaren Meets Trade Ministers of Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation Forum

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The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, will join trade ministers of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) forum in Jakarta on the 5th and 6th of October to review progress on major trade initiatives affecting the region. Mr. MacLaren will also hold bilateral talks with the Indonesian Minister of Trade, Satrio B. Joedono, and Minister of Energy, Ida Bagus Sudjana, to promote greater trade and investment between Canada and Indonesia. "Our meeting, and the APEC leaders' meeting in November provide unique opportunities to push our regional trade agenda forward," Mr. MacLaren said. "Canada is prepared to proceed boldly but sensibly, building on the results of the Uruguay Round."

MacLaren Congratulates Canada Export Award Winners

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Ten of Canada's leading exporters were presented with 1994 Canada Export Awards at a special ceremony at the University of Toronto's MacMillan Theatre on October 4, 1994. "The Canada Export Award Program provides an excellent opportunity to recognize publicly the dedication, perseverance, professionalism and excellence of some of Canada's leading exporters," said the Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade. "Winners of the Award are a source of inspiration for all those companies striving to achieve international success and I am confident that, by celebrating their success, others will be encouraged to follow their example." This year's winners were Andyne Computing Limited, Kingston, Ontario; Champion Feed Services Ltd., Barrhead, Alberta; Emery International Developments Ltd., Markham, Ontario; Kvaerner Hymac Inc., Laval, Quebec; Mitel Corporation, Semiconductor Division, Kanata, Ontario; Nadeau Division of Shermag Inc., St-François-de-Madawaska, New Brunswick; Ultimate Technographics Inc., Montreal, Quebec; Versatile Farm Equipment Operations, Ford New Holland Canada Ltd., Winnipeg, Manitoba; WaterSpring Bed Company Inc., Mississauga, Ontario; Western Star Trucks, Kelowna, British Columbia.

Farouk Kaddoumi to Visit Ottawa

October 3, 1994, no. 194

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced that Farouk Kaddoumi, Director of the Political Department of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), will make a working visit to Ottawa, October 5-8, 1994. Mr. Kaddoumi, who is responsible for the PLO's relations with foreign governments, will visit Ottawa in the context of our ongoing consultations on the Middle East Peace Process and to further Canada's relations with peoples of the region. Mr. Kaddoumi will have meetings with Mr. Ouellet, with officials from the Canadian International Development Agency, and with representatives of the private sector interested in opportunities for co-operation in Palestinian-administered territories.

Visit of the Laotian Foreign Minister

October 3, 1994, no. 193

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced that the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, His Excellency Somsavath Lengsavath, will pay an official visit to Canada from October 5 to 7, 1994. This will be the first time a Laotian foreign minister has visited Canada. Laos is in the midst of changing from a socialist-style economy to a market economy. This visit is part of the opening of Laos to the