

Australia. I want to say how proud I am that Rick Hansen will be our Commissioner General at Expo '88.

In spite of all the initiatives we have taken, we know that much more work is required to promote trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific Region. For example, in spite of major new Asian investments in pulp, auto assembly and auto parts, our share of total foreign investment from that region is far from impressive.

As I said earlier, Canada's economic destiny is closely linked to the Pacific. We have everything required to do well -- the talent, the dynamism and the innovation.

The Government can sign agreements, provide financing for organizations and missions, but it is up to you, the entrepreneurs, to carry out the mission.

As Canada's Pacific province, it is time for us to make a national commitment to the new age that is dawning.

Thank you.