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## CANADIAN PARTICIPATION AT THE 1985 INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION, TSUKUBA, JAPAN

The Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today the appointment of John M. Powles as Commissioner General for the Canadian participation at the 1985 International Exposition, Tsukuba, Japan.

Born in Winnipeg and educated in Japan and Vancouver, Mr. Powles speaks fluent Japanese. He has been associated with world exhibitions since 1969 when he began working for the Canadian Pavilion at Expo 70, Osaka. Following assignments with the Canadian Government Expositions Centre and the National Museums of Canada, he joined the Department of External Affairs in 1974 and was Deputy Commissioner General for Canada's presence at Expo 75, Okinawa, and Commissioner General for Canadian participation at Energy Expo 82, Knoxville, and the 1984 Louisiana World Exposition. He has also been responsible for the External Affairs' visiting foreign journalists program.

In 1978, Mr. Powles was appointed Director of the department's International Expositions Division and Canadian delegate to the International Bureau of Expositions, Paris. He will continue in his present position while carrying out the duties of Commissioner General for Canada at Expo 85, Tsukuba.

Expo 85 is a special category international exposition on the theme "Dwellings and Surroundings - Science and Technology for Man at Home." The exposition will run from March 17 to September 16, 1985, and is expected to attract 20,000,000 visitors. Canada plans a major presentation at the exposition and hopes to enlist the participation of several provinces as well as that of the private sector within the Canadian Pavilion.