

Focus on The Canadian Trade Commissioner Service



Hodgson, Joshua

Joshua Hodgson is Deputy Director and Assistant Trade Commissioner in Taipei, responsible for biotechnology, building and environmental products, as well as ground and maritime transportation and consumer products. In the past, Joshua worked in the Export Finance Division (1997); the GO-Team in Tel Aviv (1997); the Korea-Oceania Division (1996-97); and the Lebanon/Syria/Jordan Trade Desk (1996).

King, Murray

In July 1999, Murray King was posted to the Canadian Embassy in Beijing, where his responsibilities are transportation, textiles, machinery, defence and international financial institutions. His geographic responsibilities include Liaoning and Hunan provinces, as well as Ningxia Autonomous Region. Murray joined DFAIT in 1996 after working for five years as a lawyer in the private sector. He has worked in the Southeast Asia and China/Mongolia divisions.



Kitnikone, Ping

Ping Kitnikone is Deputy Director, Investment at the Canadian Trade Office in Taipei, where her responsibilities include all areas of investment, with particular emphasis on venture capital in the high-tech and biotechnology sectors. Ping's previous postings were at the Canadian Embassy in Beijing as Second Secretary (Commercial), responsible for the environmental protection, oil and gas and chemical sectors and the International Finance and China divisions (1996-99).



Scullion, Mark

Mark Scullion, who is fluent in Japanese, is Trade Program Manager at the Canadian Consulate General in Osaka, Japan. Mark's previous assignments include Desk Officer, Japan Division (1999) and the Young Entrepreneur Portfolio, SME Export Services (1998-99). He was also Director of Finance, Spruceholme Inc., Fort-Coulonge, Quebec (1996-98).



Shantz, Graham

Graham Shantz has served in Jakarta, Indonesia since August 1997. Prior to this assignment, Graham worked in the Trade Policy, Market Access (1996-97) and China divisions (1994-95). From 1991 to 1994, he was at the Canadian Embassy in Beijing, where he was responsible for the financial services, power, and oil and gas sectors.

Simon, Josiane

Josiane Simon just arrived at the Canadian Consulate in Fukuoka, Japan, a small office where agri-food products and building materials are priorities. This posting follows a two-year assignment in Santiago, Chile, where she was responsible for the implementation of the Canada-Chile Free Trade Agreement. Josiane's previous assignments include two years in DFAIT's Resource Planning and Management Secretariat and two years as Trade Commissioner at the Canadian Embassy in Moscow, Russia.



Ward, Michael

Michael Ward is at the Canadian Embassy in Bangkok, which includes responsibility for Thailand and Laos. He joined DFAIT in 1984, negotiating restraint arrangements and, in 1988, he was with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade Division. Mike was also Section Head at the Canadian Embassy in Riyadh (1991-95) and Program Manager, Political/Economic and Public Affairs Division in Chicago (1995-99).

Wilshaw, Sara

Sara Wilshaw is on assignment in Tokyo in the high-tech section of the Commercial Division of the Embassy, with responsibility for transportation, aerospace and defence-related products, after completing temporary duty in Osaka for Team Canada. Sara has been with DFAIT since 1996 and worked in two Asian divisions before starting long-term language training (in Japanese) in September 1997.

