

STATEMENTS:

To determine the importance of Asia to Canada, we need only look at the trade figures. But the relationship, and the bonds between us, go much further. Trade has created economic bonds, immigration has created bonds of family and culture, and the increasing movement of our citizens across the Pacific has created a strong and lasting bond of friendship.... In our global and regional foreign policy, Canada gives high priority to human rights, democratic development and the rule of law. Canadians have upheld these values even when it was not in our immediate economic interests to do so. There is no question, as we see from the shining example of Singapore, that stability is essential for economic advancement. However, we also believe that economic progress must be accompanied by political and social development.... As we have in the past, we call once again upon the regime in Burma to restore democracy, to release all political prisoners, and to face up to the reality of change. Along with others we have called upon Burma to release Aung San Suu Kyi, and we renew this call today.... To underline our commitment to regional prosperity (in the transpacific community), I will sign with my ASEAN colleagues a revised Canada-ASEAN Economic Co-operation Agreement. This new agreement will be the basis for our economic and commercial relations, and highlights the commitment of Canada and ASEAN to a more active role for our respective private sectors as we forge even stronger links across the Pacific.... I am confident that ASEAN's success will produce a ripple effect, as the causes of peace, prosperity, human rights and security move forward both within this region and well beyond its boundaries.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- July 12-30, 1993: International Conference on High Seas Fishing (New York)**
- July 29-30, 1993: Ministerial Meeting on Environment and Labour Side Agreements (NAFTA) (Washington)**
- September 5-13, 1993: United Nations International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo)**
- September 23-24, 1993: Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation Senior Official Meeting (Honolulu)**
- September 28-30, 1993: International Bank for Reconstruction and Development Annual Meeting (Tokyo)**
- October 16-18, 1993: La Francophonie Summit (Mauritius)**
- October 21-25, 1993: Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (Cyprus)**
- November 17-19, 1993: 5th Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation Ministerial Meeting (Seattle)**
- November 26-28, 1993: Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe Council of Ministers Meeting (Rome)**
- December 2-3, 1993: NATO North Atlantic Council and North Atlantic Co-operation Council Meetings (Brussels)**

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