

Incidentally, I was most impressed with our new ambassador to India, Stanley Gooch. There is not a better ambassador for Canada anywhere in the world.

In closing, I have a firm vision of a very close, mutually rewarding and multi-dimensional relationship between Canada and India in the 21st century.

You have my assurance that our government is committed to this goal, and that we will strive together with our friends in India to see this happen. As I repeated again and again during my visit, Canadians look forward to building partnerships with India as it strides forward to achieve its vast potential.

Thank you very much.