

More than 3000 years before the Birth of Christ, this Sumerian civilization had developed astronomy, geometry, engineering.

Many contrasts between that civilization and our way of life today.

All will realize how deeply western civilization has drawn upon the foundations of this ancient land

Will equally appreciate rapid advance in development of Iraq since it achieved independent nationhood.

Today (June 30) is 15th anniversary of signing of treaty regulating relations between Great Britain (as the former mandatory power) and Iraq (which entered League of Nations in 1932).

(Basis of treaty is alliance between two equal and independent states).

Here, at the seat of the Government of Canada, pleased to welcome leaders in the growth of democratic government in Iraq.

Hope they will take away pleasant impressions of their short visit to Canada.

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