

Canada will maintain its stature as one of the world's leading exporting nations."

The presentation of the 1994 Canada Export Awards in Toronto is being held in association with a reception celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Export Development Corporation and the 51st annual convention of the Canadian Exporters' Association.

Mr. MacLaren noted that the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, through its Trade Commissioner Service, a network of domestic and international trade offices, will continue to offer assistance to Canadian firms seeking to export their products and services.

"Exports, in general, and high value-added exports in particular, mean thousands of new jobs and the prospect of sustained economic growth and productivity. With Government and the business community working together and using their capabilities to the fullest, we can seize opportunities as they arise and contribute to a brighter future for Canadians."

The Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister for Agriculture and Agri-Food, is presenting the awards on behalf of Mr. MacLaren who is attending a Ministerial meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in Indonesia.

A list of the recipients of the 1994 Canada Export Awards is attached.

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