

Asian Development Bank posting RRP's on its Web site

To further improve the transparency of its operations and access to key documentation, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has started posting all its non-confidential *Report and Recommendations to the President* (RRPs) on its public Web site www.adb.org once they have been approved by the Board. The exceptions will be RRP's containing commercially sensitive information, notably non-sovereign loans under the Bank's private sector operations, which will remain classified as "confidential" under the Bank's Confidentiality and Access to Information Policy. RRP's now being posted include specific loan and technical assistance (TA) project approval documentation.

In addition to new non-confidential RRP's and policy papers (which have been posted for some time), the ADB will be posting non-confidential RRP's approved in the past back to January 1, 1995 (the date the current Confidentiality and Access to Information Policy became effective). The ADB hopes to complete the posting of all past approvals by the end of this calendar year.

To access the RRP's by country or by subject: www.adb.org/Projects/reports.asp?key=reprs&val=RRP

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World Bank MOS free on-line

The *World Bank Monthly Operational Summaries* (MOS) have recently been made available on-line — FOR FREE — from its own home page at www.worldbank.org/html/opr/procure/MOS/contents.html

The MOS reports on the status of projects in the World Bank's lending pipeline, from the point of identification of the project to the signing of the loan or credit agreement. This information is key to Canadian companies and organizations that export, or plan to export, to developing countries as it allows them to track these projects over a period that can last, on average, two years.

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HOFEX 2001, the largest food business exhibition in Asia

HONG KONG — May 8-11, 2001 — The Consulate General of Canada in Hong Kong will organize a national stand at HOFEX 2001, the 9th Asian International Exhibition of Hotel, Restaurant, Retail and Catering Equipment, Supplies and Services, Food and Drink.

HOFEX 1999 attracted 4,759 international exhibitors and 16,089 Asian buyers from South China, Taiwan, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines and Australia. Hong Kong remains the key regional centre for the hospitality business.

New market reports

The full text of the following articles on sectoral markets are available on the on-line version of Canadexport at www.infoexport.gc.ca/canadexport

Greece

- Greece: Agriculture and Agri-food Sector — An Appetite for Change

Russia

- Canadian Firms Offer Appetizing Fare in Russia

Switzerland

- The Swiss Biotechnology Industry — An Overview

The United Kingdom

- The Environmental Market in the United Kingdom
- The United Kingdom Biotechnology Sector
- The United Kingdom Games Market
- The United Kingdom — Information and Communications Technologies ✪

The Consulate will co-operate with colleagues in the regional offices of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and provincial Ministries of Agriculture to organize the Canada stand; the goal is to have a Canadian presence of 20 exhibitors. To create a distinctive Canadian image, on a cost-recovery basis, the Consulate will consolidate booth design and setting, including an interactive information booth and meeting area.

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