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THE 1000TH COLOMBO PLAN PERSON TO RECEIVE TECHNICAL TRAINING IN CANADA, MR. MOHAMMED SAEED, WILL ARRIVE AT UPLANDS AIRPORT, OTTAWA AT 11:25 A.M. SEPTEMBER 29TH. MR. SAEED WILL BE MET AT THE AIRPORT BY OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENTS OF TRADE AND COMMERCE AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND OF THE OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PAKISTAN.

ON MONDAY MR. SAEED WILL BE ENTERTAINED AT A SMALL LUNCHEON TO BE HELD IN HIS HONOUR AT THE UNIVERSITY CLUB BY THE TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND COMMERCE. IN THE AFTERNOON HE WILL MEET THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER CABINET MINISTERS. THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER WILL PRESENT HIM WITH A SCROLL COMMEMORATING HIS ARRIVAL AS THE 1000TH TRAINEE. ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 30TH MR. SAEED WILL BE GUEST OF HONOUR AT A RECEPTION HELD BY THE OVERSEAS FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY OF OTTAWA AT FRIENDSHIP HOUSE.

MR. SAEED IS TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OLD AND IS A GRADUATE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING OF THE PUNJAB ENGINEERING COLLEGE IN LAHORE, PAKISTAN. FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS HE WAS EMPLOYED AS A SECTION ENGINEER BY THE SUI GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANY LIMITED WHERE HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SOME 120 MILES OF MAIN PIPELINE.

MR. SAEED IS INTERESTED IN GAINING AN ADVANCED PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE ON THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF GAS TRANSMISSION LINES AND IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT REPAIR METHODS, METERING AND REGULATIONS. HE WILL BE IN CANADA FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS, SPENDING HIS TIME WITH TRANS-CANADA PIPE LINES IN TORONTO, THE CANADIAN WESTERN