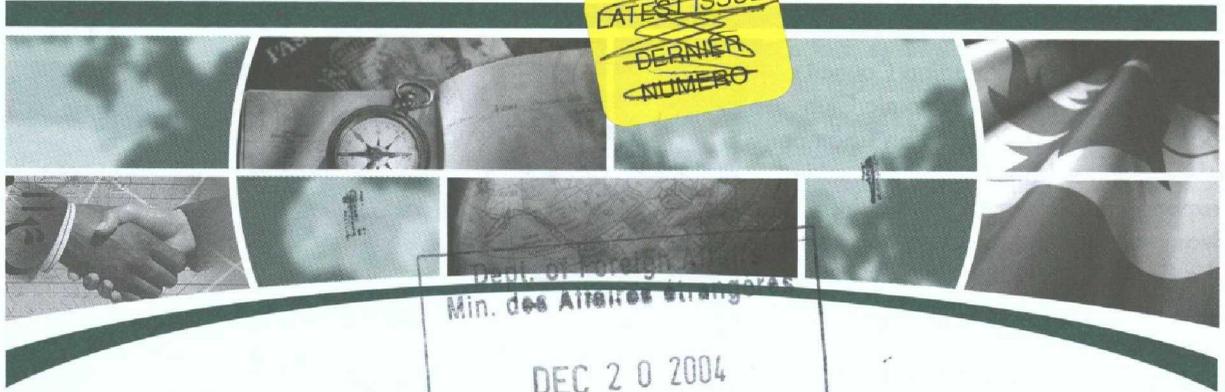


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Mexico's President Fox visits Canada

In late October, Mexican President Vicente Fox led a delegation of eight ministers, parliamentarians, press and business representatives on a working visit to Canada.

In addition to celebrating several anniversaries—60 years of official diplomatic relations, 30 years for the Seasonal Agricultural Workers Program and 10 years of trade growth under NAFTA—the visit focused on the future of the Canada-Mexico bilateral relationship.

Partnership enhanced

The centrepiece of the visit was the launch of the Canada-Mexico Partnership, a high-level public-private forum that will bring together business leaders, academics and senior policy makers to build strategic networks and partnerships, facilitate cooperation and enhance opportunities for economic development and investment.

President Fox also met with businesspeople from both Canada and Mexico during working lunches

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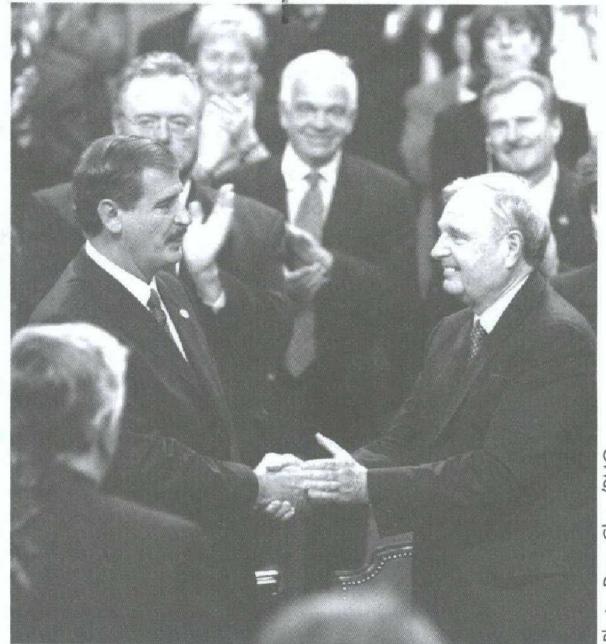


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On October 25, 2004, Prime Minister Paul Martin and Mexican President Vicente Fox addressed Parliament.

Get on board trade mission to China

CHINA — January 18-25, 2005 — International Trade Minister Jim Peterson will lead a trade mission to China to introduce Canadian businesses to this market and help companies already active in the region expand and strengthen their commercial ties there.

In the recent Speech from the Throne, the Government of Canada committed to putting particular emphasis on new and emerging markets

such as China, India and Brazil in order to take advantage of the growing opportunities in these markets. Broadening and deepening bilateral trade and investment with these countries is a priority for Canada and will reinforce efforts to build a 21st-century economy.

China offers tremendous commercial potential for Canadian businesses in sectors such as financial
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