



Thank you for your invitation to speak at the Malaysia-Canada Business Council meeting on August 11, 1994.

I would like to begin by expressing my appreciation to the Secretary of State for Asia-Pacific Affairs, Mr. Raymond Chan, for his kind invitation and for ensuring that I could participate in this important event.

STATEMENT

The potential for Canada-Asia-Pacific trade and investment is enormous. We must give priority to strengthening our economic relations with the Asia-Pacific region. This includes working with our partners to create a more open and integrated regional market.

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In addition to our bilateral relations, we are also committed to strengthening our international political and economic relations. To this end, we will continue to work with our partners to create a more open and integrated regional market. Our priority is to create a more open and integrated regional market.

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