

Canadian construction show attracts the world

Toronto, November 29-December 1, 2006 > International trade and business opportunities for Canadian construction services, building products and technologies will be a major focus at **Construct Canada 2006**.

With over 1,100 exhibits and some 21,000 attendees expected, Construct Canada will feature the latest in new Canadian products and technologies used for the design, construction, operation, retrofit and renovation of all types of buildings.

As part of Construct Canada, Team Canada Inc partners have organized an international business program—a unique opportunity for Canadian companies to unlock new markets and for international visitors to meet export-ready Canadian firms.

Programs and services for firms doing business internationally

This session will provide an overview of programs, services and resources offered by the federal and provincial government and Crown corporations to assist Canadian firms in exporting their products and services.

Russia's construction boom

This seminar will examine the residential and commercial construction markets in Russia, highlight some of the opportunities for Canadian firms, as well as examine the strategies and secrets of success that companies need to succeed in the growing Russian construction market.

High-rise building technologies

Most buildings are not designed to be as environmentally friendly as they could be. This session will explore building science issues and provide guidance to enhance envelope design, energy performance, indoor

air quality, environmental performance, accessibility and green infrastructure. Join some of Canada's leading building researchers as they present their expertise, knowledge and best practices on innovation in the design and construction of high-rise buildings.

Networking luncheon

This will be an opportunity to meet and network with international visitors and foreign companies in the construction and building products sector. Admission for the luncheon for international visitors and Canadian companies is included in the registration fee.

Networking forum and Export Café

Canadian architects, contractors, engineers, manufacturers and suppliers can meet with Canadian trade commissioners from key foreign markets to discuss export opportunities in their respective markets. International delegates will have the opportunity to connect with Canadian companies that have an interest in their market. Delegates must pre-register and complete an online company profile to facilitate the pre-arranged meetings.

Construct Canada is held concurrently with the HomeBuilder & Renovator Expo, PM Expo, Concrete Canada, DesignTrends, the National Green Building Conference and Infrastructure 2006. The program at Construct Canada is coordinated by Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, CMHC International, Ontario's Ministry of Economic Development and Trade and the Canadian Construction Association.

For more information, go to www.constructcanada.com, or contact York Communications, tel.: (416) 512-1215, ext. 221, email: evelyn@yorkcom.to, website: www.constructcanada.com.

Build on solid ground in Florida

Orlando, February 7-11, 2007 > Join the Canadian pavilion at the **International Builders Show**, the largest residential building and design exhibition in the U.S. Canadian businesses will be sure to stand out as Canada will have the only national pavilion at the show, which is attended by over 100,000 designers, builders, architects, developers, engineers, merchants and key decision makers. The Canadian Consulates General in Miami and Atlanta, in collaboration with Canadian Export Development Inc., are coordinating Canada's participation. Organizers will target key decision makers and buyers in government and industry to visit the Canadian pavilion.

For more information, contact Robert Grison, Canadian Export Development Inc., tel.: (613) 825-9916, fax: (613) 825-7108, email: ccd@sympatico.ca, website: www.canbuild.org, or William B. Stolz, Canadian Consulate General in Atlanta, tel.: (404) 532-2017, fax: (404) 532-2050, email: william.stolz@international.gc.ca, website: www.atlanta.gc.ca, website: www.buildersshow.com.

The Middle East's premier security exhibition

Dubai, January 21-23, 2007 > Canadian buyers and sellers of computer security systems, coastguard equipment and even fire and smoke detectors may wish to attend **Intersec 2007**, the Middle East's premier exhibition for hi-tech products and equipment related to the security industry.

Last year's show attracted over 14,000 industry professionals from the Middle East, Europe and Asia. Some 440 exhibitors from 40 countries participated.

This year's show will focus on products related to commercial, police and homeland security, as well as fire protection and health and safety. Everything from fencing and protective clothing to hi-tech biometrics will be featured.

The Canadian Consulate in Dubai is supporting the Canadian pavilion at Intersec 2007.

The United Arab Emirates serves as a hub for the markets of the Gulf region, Indian sub-continent, Iran and Commonwealth of Independent States. This fair offers a chance for Canadian firms to showcase their products and services to all these markets under one roof.

For more information contact Fouad Soueid, Canadian Consulate in Dubai, email: fouad.soueid@international.gc.ca, or Venky Rao, exhibition organizer in Canada, tel.: (905) 896-7815, email: venkyrao@rogers.com, website: www.intersecexpo.com.

Colombian event profiles Canada's oil and gas industry

Cartagena, December 3-5, 2006 > Canadian companies in the oil and gas sector interested in doing business in Colombia are encouraged to participate in the **International Oil and Gas Investment Conference**, one of the most important events of its kind in the Andean region. The conference will feature Canada as the profiled country in what Colombian government officials call "The Canadian-Colombian Petroleum Year."

Numerous events will take place to promote the sale of Canada's technology and services in the oil and gas sector. Sponsors include Canada-based Solana, Enbridge and Petrominerales as well as other major multinational companies such as Petrobras, Exxon-Mobil, Oxy, Ecopetrol, Repsol and BP.

For more information, go to www.oilandgascolombia.com, or contact the Canadian Embassy in Colombia, tel.: (011-57-1) 657-9800, fax: (011-57-1) 657-9915, email: bgota-td@international.gc.ca.

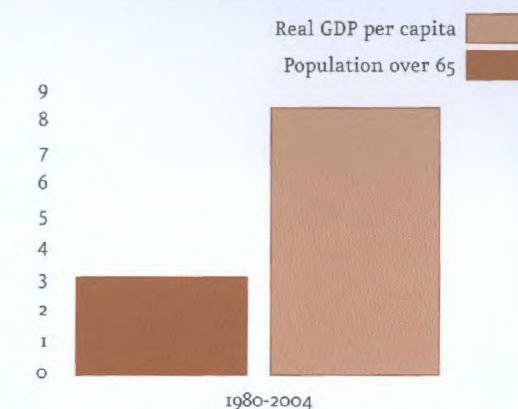
Burden of China's aging population mitigated by income

China's 1.3 billion people are aging, with those above age 65 rising from 5% of the population in 1980 to 8% by 2004, resulting in a growing number of elderly to support. Meanwhile, the portion of people under 15 has been falling, so China will face, proportionally, an even greater elderly population in the future and fewer people entering the labour force to support them. This will create a drag on China's growth; however, the overall impact will be mitigated by rising incomes. From 1980 to 2004, China's over-65 population doubled, but real GDP per capita increased seven-fold. Thus, while the elderly population continues to grow, the funds available to support them are growing faster, suggesting that the stress created on the economy will be manageable.

Provided by the Current and Structural Analysis Division, Office of the Chief Economist, www.international.gc.ca/eet.

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Annual average growth: Population over 65 and real GDP (percent)



Data: World Bank's World Development Indicators; growth rate is compound average annual growth rate.