Connect with Latin America at EXPOCOMM Argentina

Buenos Aires, Argentina, October 3-6, 2006 > Don't miss out on the opportunity to participate in the Canadian booth at EXPOCOMM Argentina 2006,

an international information and communications technologies (ICT) trade fair that will feature telecommunications, wireless, networking and Internet. ExpoComm is a key meeting place for business people and decision makers from all over Latin America.

This year's ExpoComm just wrapped up in September, and Canadian companies participating in the pavilion rated it an unqualified success. "ExpoComm 2005 surpassed our objectives and our goals largely due to the hard work put forth by the staff of the Canadian Embassy," says Lorne Conway, Business Development Manager of Smart Telecom. "We expect to have a substantial presence in Argentina much sooner than expected as a direct result of participating in the Canadian pavilion, and will certainly participate again in ExpoComm2006."

The Canadian Embassy in Buenos Aires has booked the same 128 square-metre space it had in 2005, located in the main area of the exhibition hall and surrounded by

the most important ICT companies in the local market. Some of the 2005 Canadian exhibitors have already confirmed their participation for next year.

Companies exhibiting in the Canadian booth will benefit from additional services and activities, including one-on-one meetings, individual agendas, networking opportunities with Argentine companies, and market information and intelligence. Given the success of ExpoComm 2005—177 companies exhibited and the fair welcomed 25,000 qualified professional visitors—70 % of the space at the 2006 edition has already been booked.

In order to secure space in the Canadian booth, companies should confirm their registration

by December 15, 2005. Now is the time to get on board for this business and technology event.

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Animation India 2006

Hyderabad, India, January 12-13, 2006 > India's National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM), in association with the Government of Andhra Pradesh, is organizing Animation India 2006, a two-day international conference and seminar that will be held in Hyderabad. This important event has been specifically structured to address emerging global opportunities and strategies for the animation and gaming industry in India. According to NASSCOM, total global animation production is expected to reach \$67 billion by 2006.

The Indian animation industry, currently worth about \$1.7 billion, is projected to have a 30% compound annual growth rate, reaching \$4.1 billion by 2007. The Indian gaming market is expected to reach a target of about \$60 million by 2007. With increases in back end service work, Indian animation studios

are moving up the value chain; they are witnessing more co-production deals and increase in the development of intellectual property in India.

Over the years, Animation India has become the largest and most successful animation event in India, with active participation from distinguished industry players across the region, including CEOs, programming directors from the media and entertainment industry, as well as top animators from leading animation studios.

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Success in the spotlight at Hong Kong Filmart

Honk Kong, China, March 20-23, 2006 > The Hong Kong International Film & TV Market (HK Filmart), organized by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, is considered to be one of Asia's leading trade events in the film and entertainment industry. Over 350 exhibitors and nearly 3,000 visitors from around the world attended last year's fair, including film production companies, film and television program distributors, animation production houses and financial agencies.

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Three-in-one Hong Kong event to focus on security in Asia

Hong Kong, China, March 1-2, 2006 > Govsec Asia, the Government Security Expo and Conference to be held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre this coming March, will run concurrently with both the Asia Law Enforcement and Asia Ready conferences.

With homeland security evolving into a worldwide issue and many Asian governments taking interest in the topic, Govsec Asia/Asia Law Enforcement/Asia Ready aim to provide the Asia-Pacific region with a platform that facilitates education, knowledge exchange, interaction, insightful discussions, collaboration and exploration of innovative approaches in public safety and security, and emergency preparedness.

The accompanying exhibition will offer a comprehensive array of new products from the world's leading providers of government security technology and solutions.

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Canadian direct investment heads to tax-friendly jurisdictions

Half of the top 10 countries in which Canada invests are low-tax jurisdictions, including Barbados, Bermuda, the Cayman Islands, Hungary and Ireland. The U.S., with \$194 billion and a 43.6% share of the total Canadian direct investment abroad (CDIA) in 2004, heads the list. The U.K. is a distant second at 9.9%, or \$44 billion. But the importance of these five low-tax jurisdictions has grown. Together they hold \$83 billion of CDIA, and their share has nearly doubled over the past decade, increasing from 9.7% in 1995 to 18.5% by 2004. While their total share of CDIA remains small compared to that of the U.S., they have been inching their way up.

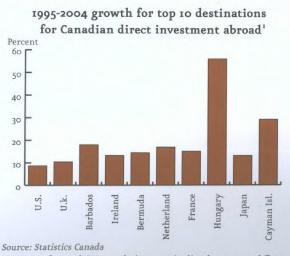
Provided by the Trade and Economic Analysis Division (www.international.gc.ca/eet).

Entering into its 10th year, HK Filmart will be part of the Entertainment Expo Hong Kong 2006 mega-event and should attract some of the biggest players in the film and entertainment industry.





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1. Data are for total CDIA stocks in countries listed, not annual flows. Growth = compound average annual growth rate.