

## Container Port to Expand Five-fold

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investment of between 40% and 60% for the airport and between 30% and 40% for the port), expertise and equipment from all over the world — will include:

- a five-fold expansion of the colony's container port, already the world's busiest. (Volume of traffic is forecast to multiply from the 81 million tonnes of throughput in 1988 to 450 million tonnes in 2011);
- extensive transport links to connect the new port and airport with urban and industrial areas. Envisaged are: several dual two-lane and dual three-lane roads; a passenger rail line; a freight rail line; a road tunnel; and two suspension bridges, one with a span of about 1,410 metres;
- a new town of nearly 150,000 people to house workers and staff at the airport; and
- light industrial zones.

### Hong Kong Scouts Canada

In Toronto in September to observe Canadian capabilities, to brief companies on timetables for bids, and to keep investors posted on latest developments, Hong Kong's Secretary of Economic Services, Mrs. Anson Chan also allayed investors' fears regarding post-1997 Hong Kong and its reversion to control by the People's Republic of China (PRC).

Mrs. Chan's position was that Hong Kong has a future as a special administrative region of China and that PRC has a good record of respecting international treaties.

Although PRC has expressed concerns about the cost of the project, Mrs. Chan assured everyone that there was "no difference of opinion between Hong Kong and China on the importance of the new airport." As well, she did not have "the slightest doubt that the airport/port project will go ahead."

Secretary Chan welcomed Canadian companies' interest in the project, advising that approximately 50 companies from around the world have so far expressed their intent to bid on contracts.

For further information on Hong Kong's airport/port development project — a Canadian trade commissioner has been assigned to deal solely with the PADS — contact Mr. Leslie T. Reissner, Commission for Canada, G.P.O. 11142, Hong Kong, Hong Kong. Telex: (Destination code 802) 73391. Answerback: (73391 DOMCAHX). Fax: (011-852) 847-7441.

Information on PADS as well as on APEX'91 is also available from Dan Mrkich, External Affairs and International Trade Canada, East Asia Trade Development Division (PNC), 125 Sussex Drive, Ottawa K1A 0G2. Tel. (613) 943-0897. Fax: (613) 996-4309.

## Taipei Trade Office Open for Business

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The expanded trade section, with a staff of seven, includes a Chinese-speaking trade commissioner (on loan from External Affairs and International Trade Canada) and three locally-engaged commercial officers, covering all industrial and agricultural sectors. There is also an increased emphasis on developing Taiwanese tourism to Canada.

The CTOT trade section offers the same basic services provided by those at other Canadian embassies and consulates and Canadian exporters seeking assistance should feel free to contact CTOT personnel directly.

Sectors which have been identified by CTOT as having "significant potential" for Canadian exporters include: fisheries, food and agricultural products; aerospace; transportation equipment; informatics; environmental products and services; telecommunications equipment; construction materials; and some high-end consumer products.

The Canadian Trade Office in Taipei was established in 1986 under the auspices of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce to — in the absence of official diplomatic recognition — promote trade and informal ties between Canada and Taiwan.

The appropriate contacts for further information on the Taiwanese market are:

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