

More remains to be done, however. In 1997 and beyond, all Team Canada partners will continue to refine their services and products, making them more accessible and attuning them more closely to the needs of those they serve.

The Team Canada partnership is identifying new markets globally and bringing business opportunities to the attention of both new and experienced Canadian exporters. Canadian businesses are rising to the challenge — Canadian exports of more than \$267 billion in 1996 attest to their success. The Government's international business development program continues to contribute to impressive trade performance: the new engine of the Canadian economy.