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SECRETARY OF STATE CHAN TO VISIT HONG KONG AND SOUTH KOREA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific) Raymond Chan will visit Hong Kong and South Korea from January 22 to 28.

In Hong Kong, January 22-25, Mr. Chan will meet with Governor Patten, Chief Secretary, Mrs. Anson Chan, and with the Hong Kong Secretary for Constitutional Affairs, Mr. Nicholas Ng, as well with members of the Legislative Council and representatives of the Hong Kong and Canadian business communities. He will also meet members of the Chinese-Canadian Association of Hong Kong. Mr. Chan will also pay a courtesy call on Mr. Zhou Nan, Director of the Xinhua News Agency, and on Mrs. Rita Fan, Co-Convenor of the Preliminary Working Group Committee.

During a visit to Seoul, Korea, January 25-27, Mr. Chan will meet with the Korean Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Gong Ro-Myung, to discuss the Special Partnership between the two countries. This Partnership is designed to forge closer co-operation in the areas of trade, investment and political dialogue.

Before leaving Korea, Mr. Chan will visit Pusan, the leading business centre in the south of the country, where he will officially open the office of Canada's Honorary Consul.

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