

FOREWORD

To all new Foreign Service Officers:

Welcome to External Affairs and International Trade Canada (EAITC).

This Handbook was produced by a group of FS-1Ds who believe that their first few months in the Department would have been more productive, and their transition into EAITC smoother, had they had a reference guide at their disposal. This guide will orient you and help you adjust to the demands of the Department.

We encourage you to take advantage of two other projects introduced by the FS-1Ds this past year: the twice-monthly FS-1D Lunchtime Seminars, at which senior departmental officials lead discussions on current policy issues; and the "After Hours" cultural programme. Both provide an opportunity to meet colleagues in a more relaxed setting. Your assignment officer can tell you who to contact for more information on these activities.

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