

So far, I've been talking about strengthening our ability to compete and creating opportunities. But ability and opportunity alone are not good enough. They will mean little without the will to use our abilities to seize opportunities.

That is perhaps the greatest challenge we face -- the challenge of developing an outward-looking trading culture, where the knowledge and expertise of Canadians matches the importance of international trade to our economy.

It is my hope that the new Canadian International Trade Tribunal will assist in broadening the understanding of Canadians through its inquiry powers.

The eight Centres for International Business Studies across this country will also play a crucial role in helping the next generation think globally.

And we fully expect that this Canadian Centre for Trade Policy and Law will be front and centre, with its mandate to:

- encourage serious research in Canadian trade policy;
- teach trade policy and encourage its teaching elsewhere;
- meet the training needs of business and government;
- provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and information; and
- act as a catalyst to diffuse understanding of trade policy matters among Canadians.

Our desire to help Canadians go global is why the Government continues to support International Business Study centres.

That is why we are increasing our financial support and establishing new centres across this country.

And that is why it has been my pleasure to be here today as we inaugurate this Centre for Trade Policy and Law -- a centre which will clearly have a key note to play as we respond to the challenges of a global economy.

Thank you for inviting me.