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I am happy and indeed honoured to have this opportunity of being with you here today as you embark upon your challenging tasks overseas. For me this is quite an inspiring occasion, to which I have looked forward for some weeks now. Those of you who, with your families, are going abroad under our government teaching programmes are participating in one of the truly great international adventures of our century - the spread of knowledge and learning throughout the globe.

Assistance to the developing countries in recent years has become one of the most important aspects of Canada's relations with the outside world. More than two-thirds of the countries that are now members of the United Nations are classified as under-developed. These countries look to us and to other more favoured nations for assistance in achieving their great aspirations. We in Canada are doing much to respond to the challenge because we realize that international peace and prosperity are not likely to remain a lasting state of affairs for Canadians, or for anyone else, so long as the vast majority of the people of the world are still struggling with the bonds of poverty and illiteracy.

Canada has played an active role in providing assistance to developing countries for over a decade. Much of our aid has taken, and will continue to take, the form of capital projects