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VISIT BY SIX GRADUATES OF THE  
ECOLE NATIONALE D'ADMINISTRATION, PARIS

The Department of External Affairs announced today that Canada is currently host to six graduates of the Ecole nationale d'administration (ENA), Paris, guests of the Government of Quebec from August 16 to 31, and of the Government of Canada from September 1 to 22.

In 1964, under the terms of a cultural agreement, the Government of France agreed to admit a number of Canadian civil servants to the ENA each year, and Canadians have been attending training courses there since that time.

The Ecole nationale d'administration recruits and trains future management and supervisory personnel for the principal agencies of the French Government.

Since 1965, the Canadian Government has extended a reciprocal invitation to ENA graduates to visit Canada. Again this year, six of them are being given an opportunity to acquaint themselves with current activities in the field of public administration in Canada. The program for the graduates' visit to Ottawa includes lectures and discussions on Canadian political, administrative and economic institutions, as well as a number of meetings with Canadian Government officials. During their visit, the ENA graduates will tour Canada from coast to coast, and will thus be able to observe Government programs in action at first hand and to see some aspects of Canadian cultural life.

The visit is being arranged by the Cultural Affairs Division of the Department of External Affairs, in conjunction with the Public Service Commission.