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The Honourable Allan J. MacEachen,
Secretary of State for External Affairs,
External Affairs Department,
Lester B. Pearson Building,
125 Sussex Drive,
Ottawa, K1A 0G2

Dear Mr. MacEachen:

Further to a request last November by your predecessor, The Honourable Mark MacGuigan, to undertake a study of the feasibility of establishing a Canada Foundation for Asia and the Pacific, I have completed the study and am now submitting to you my report.

In brief, the report outlines the results of the study I undertook, and makes specific recommendations for the creation of an Asia Pacific Foundation. Such a foundation would have as its ultimate objective: the advancement of our cultural and economic development through the deepening of understanding of Canada abroad, as well as the promotion of mutual learning between Canada and the peoples of the Asia Pacific region.

There is no doubt that there is both broad and general support for the concept of an Asia Pacific Foundation among all sectors within Canada who have an interest in Asia and the Pacific. With participation and financial support from the various levels of government, the private sector, the academic community, as well as some other institutions and individuals, the establishment of a Foundation is not only feasible, but necessary at this time.