

As we work together with our Indonesian friends, we see future opportunities to co-operate with ASEAN in APEC. I note that after Japan chairs APEC next year, the Philippines and then Canada will follow. Already we are consulting our Philippine colleagues to ensure good management of APEC over 1996-97. It is essential that as APEC evolves it should contain a strong ASEAN. You can count on Canada's support as we co-operate to build APEC as a new bridge across the Pacific.

I would like to close by inviting you foreign ministers and your three ASEAN colleagues, to join me in Canada at some appropriate time in the future, for an informal gathering on our common destiny.

Thank you.