

Not only have these two projects been successfully completed, they were finished on or ahead of schedule -- with the second line completed below budget. These results indeed reflect extraordinary efforts on the part of the Water and Power Development Authority, CIDA, Canadian manufacturers and consultants, and every last worker who made this possible.

We recognize the top priority given energy development in Pakistan and we appreciate the enormity of this task. We are most pleased that we could be of help to you in meeting the challenge. Our continuing support to the expansion of Tarbela's capacity, along with the very important maintenance training program carried out by Wapda in collaboration with Ontario Hydro, symbolize Canada's desire that our two countries should remain, for the long haul, partners in development.

Finally, I would like to say a simple "thank you" on behalf of Canada. Thank you for the contribution that the people of this land have made over the centuries to the global patrimony of culture and art and knowledge that enriches every human. Thank you for the 50,000 Canadians of Pakistani origin who are contributing so splendidly to every aspect of life in Canada and--since your future is also part of our future--thank you for welcoming Canadians into your country and your life so that we can work together in the cause of world development.