



... that Canada has one of the highest standards of living in the world? For 7 of the past 10 years, Canada ranked #1 in the United Nation's Human Development Index. The country also presents consistently low crime rates & is home to 3 of the world's most livable cities - Vancouver, Toronto & Montreal - all of which rank highly in areas of education, housing, leisure & climate.

Source: The Economist Intelligence Unit



... that UN peacekeeping missions were 1st created because of Canada? In 1957, on the margins of the Suez Canal crisis, Canada's Lester B. Pearson initiated a new UN proposal that would establish a new global peace-building mechanism. Since then, Canada's reputation as peacemaker has grown in part through its participation in the majority of UN missions around the world.

Source: Foreign Affairs & International Trade Canada



... that Canada has the highest percentage of post-secondary graduates in the world? The country's traditional emphasis on human development, its high standards for educational opportunity, as well as its exceptional ratio of experienced, qualified workers have made Canada a natural leader in today's global knowledge-based market.

Source: Industry Canada



... that Canada is an international model for sustainable development? According to a study conducted by the World Economic Forum, which analysed the quality and the state of development in over 122 countries, Canada joined Finland, Norway and Sweden as a world leader in the area of sustainable development.

Source: World Economic Forum



... that 1 of the 20th century's top 5 scientific advances was developed by a Canadian researcher? In 1965, Canadian scientist John Tuzo Wilson first presented an innovative new theory regarding the movement of the earth's tectonic plates. His theory soon revolutionized the world's understanding of geography, history & the way the earth constantly reshapes itself!

Source: Ottawa Citizen



... that Canada is home to over 22,000 authors? In the past 30 years, Canadian authors have seen everything from their murder mysteries & biographies to dramatic novels become favourites all around the world. Today, from Michael Ondaatje & Margaret Atwood to Rohinton Mistry, the reputation of Canada's authors grows with new levels of international recognition & popularity.

Source: Canadian Heritage



... that Canada remains the world's second largest source of biotechnology companies? While Saskatoon is home to internationally renowned bio-agricultural research & Toronto is counted among North America's top 4 medical research centres, Montreal is the seat of the world's highest concentration of companies devoted to pharmaceutical research & development.

Source: Industry Canada & the Economist



... that Canada is an international leader in e-Government? According to recent studies, Canada tops the list ranking countries in America, Europe & Asia for the innovativeness & sophistication of its online government services. 2002 marks the 3rd year in a row that Canada leads international rankings for e-Government.

Source: Accenture



... that Canada is home to 3 of North America's top 5 film production centres? The Canadian cities of Vancouver, Toronto & Montreal join Hollywood & New York as the largest cinematography centres on the continent. In addition, over 25% of films produced in Hollywood are actually filmed in Canada, earning Canada the nickname Hollywood of the North!

Source: Montréal film and TV Commission



... that Canada's students are among the world's top 5 achievers in the areas of reading, math & science? Analysis suggests that Canada's strong educational performance - significantly higher than countries with greater per capita education spending, including the USA - is directly related to its emphasis on social values, equity & human rights.

Source: OECD & UNESCO, 2003