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## OPENING OF THE "MADE IN THAILAND TRADE SHOW '87"

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today extended a warm welcome to the Thai Minister of Commerce, Montree Pongpanit, at the opening of the Made In Thailand Trade Show '87 at the Northlands Coliseum in Edmonton.

He noted that the relationship between Canada and Thailand had been growing steadily because of the strong commitment by both Governments to its expansion. This commitment has been underscored by the number of high level visits which have taken place between the two countries in the past several years. Her Excellency the Governor General Jeanne Sauvé and Madame Landry, Minister for External Relations, both visited Thailand this year. Canada was honoured last year by the visit of His Royal Highness, The Thai Crown Prince.

Minister Clark stated that the Trade Show mounted by the Thai Government was an excellent example of how to enhance the growing economic ties between the two countries. Canada was fully aware of the importance of trade, investment and industrial development to the vigour and vitality of the Canada-Thailand relationship and the Made in Thailand Trade Show would make a major contribution to its continued growth. Mr. Clark indicated his pleasure that the Show was taking place in his home province of Alberta. He noted that Canada has a competitive advantage in seeking a share of the Thai marketplace in the sectors of telecommunications, oil and gas, mining and food processing in which Alberta companies have an important stake. Alberta companies such as INTERA, TRIMAC-KENTING, GOPHER OIL, NOVA, AN ALBERTA CORP and TELECOM INTERNATIONAL are all active players in the Thai marketplace.

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