Consular Attaché and Vice Consul in Moscow, Nicole Houle, received recognition for her outstanding professionalism, dedication and personal commitment in attending to Canadians in need of repatriation, medical evacuation, foreign adoption assistance and replacement of stolen documents.

The final citation was presented to Craig Bale, First Secretary and Consul in Beijing, for his assistance to Captain Barry Woods, the Canadian pilot involved in the crash of a Korean Airlines airplane in August 1994.

The Minister's Award for Consular Excellence is presented annually as part of the Department's Recognition and Awards Program.

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