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## VISIT TO CANADA OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS CROWN PRINCE MAHA VAJIRALONGKORN OF THAILAND

The Department of External Affairs is pleased to announce that His Royal Highness Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn will be visiting Canada from July 21 - 29, 1986 and will be the guest of the Governor General, Her Excellency Jeanne Sauvé, while in Ottawa. The Crown Prince will also be the guest of honour at the Thai National Day ceremonies at Expo 86.

While in Vancouver His Royal Highness will attend the premiere of the internationally renowned Royal Thai Ballet at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre. The Crown Prince will also visit Victoria, Edmonton, Banff, and Montreal. In accepting the invitation from the Governor General, His Royal Highness expressed his belief that his visit will further strengthen the already strong bonds of friendship and goodwill between the two countries and peoples.

This visit occurs during the 25th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Thailand and Canada. Ties between Canada and Thailand have expanded considerably since the late 1950's. Two way trade between Canada and Thailand has grown steadily and reached \$236 million in 1985. Thailand recently opened a trade promotion office in Vancouver. It is a country of focus under Canada's National Trade Strategy. Canadian

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