

The Honourable Barbara McDougall, announced the establishment of a new Policy, Training and Technical Assistance Facility for the Philippines. The Minister announced the project following a meeting with the Foreign Secretary of the Philippines, Raul Manglapus. The two met in Manila, where Mrs. McDougall was attending the annual Association of South East Asian Nations Post Ministerial Conference. "Canada wants to support continued democratic development in the Philippines," said Mrs. McDougall. "This project will accomplish that through Canadian experts working with their counterparts to strengthen public administration and administrative reform in the Philippines." The objective is to develop a public sector that can consolidate and build on recent democratic achievements in the Philippines.

Statements

"Distinguished delegates, Canada is proud to be an ASEAN dialogue partner. We join with you in marking ASEAN's 25 years as an organization at the same time that we, in Canada, celebrate 125 years as an independent nation. Canada after 125 years -- like ASEAN after 25 years -- is still evolving. ASEAN unity was forged out of a shared appreciation that the benefits of acting together far outweighed the risks of acting alone. ASEAN is proving itself to be a model of regional co-operation that recognizes the value of democracy, accommodates diversity, builds on common values and encourages positive change in response to evolving circumstances. The major realignment of global power and priorities in the wake of the end of the Cold War presents a unique opportunity for the consolidation of the gains ASEAN has made over its first 25 years. There is no question that the future of ASEAN is bright. Canada applauds ASEAN's past success and looks forward to the leadership that ASEAN can provide in every area of human endeavour."

An Address by the Honourable Barbara McDougall, Secretary of State for External Affairs, to the ASEAN Post Ministerial Conference Six Plus Seven Meeting (Manila, the Philippines, July 24, 1992, No. 92/34).

"The NAFTA, which will become the new operational trade agreement between Canada and the United States, will contain other elements that will make this agreement FTA-plus. It will address intellectual property for the first time, strengthening the rights of creators to reap the rewards of their traded products, from books to computer software. It will ease business travel between the U.S. and Canada and ensure business people don't pay duty on the tools of their trade. It will provide some additional protection for Canadian exporters against U.S. emergency safeguard measures aimed at other countries. Taken one by one, these aren't dramatic measures. But together they represent a significant improvement that will further secure our access to the U.S. market and make our trade relationship more predictable. It will build incrementally and positively on what is already a strong and effective agreement."

An Address by the Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, to the Ottawa Centre Breakfast Club (Ottawa, July 23, 1992, No. 92/33).

Upcoming Events

September 11-12, 1992:	Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation Ministerial Meeting (Bangkok, Thailand)
September 15, 1992	United Nations General Assembly (New York)
December 14-15, 1992	CSCE Council of Foreign Ministers Meeting (Stockholm)

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