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Hot and sunny forecast for this summer

Trade mission to Mexico

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International Trade Minister Pierre Pettigrew was taking no chances with the weather when he chose

June 3-7, 2002 as the dates for this year's **Canada Trade Mission to Mexico City and Monterrey**.

In January 1998, the notorious ice storm upset the Prime Minister's plans to lead a 250-company Team

Canada Mission to Mexico, making it necessary for the Governor General to step in as a replacement. But climatic — and economic — conditions are sure to be hot and sunny when Minister Pettigrew leads some 100 Canadian companies to Mexico this June.



Canada Trade Mission / Mission commerciale du Canada

Ever since the introduction of the NAFTA in 1994, Mexico (population 100 million) has been rapidly growing into one of Canada's leading export markets. In 2001, Canadian exports to Mexico not only increased but we actually gained market share, making Mexico one of the few markets in the world where Canada improved its position.

The following statistics clearly show why Export Development Canada in its March 2002 newsletter declared Mexico "... at the head of the class for Canadian export growth potential."

- Of our top 15 export markets in 2001, Mexico was Canada's fastest-growing.
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\$500-million contract awarded to CNA

Canada to the head of the class in Qatar

Canada and Qatar — two very different countries on opposite sides of the globe — have just become partners in education. With the signing in Doha of a 10-year, \$500-million educational partnership contract, Canadian teachers — and Canadian standards — will be heading to school in Qatar next fall. The contract calls for the Newfoundland and

Labrador **College of the North Atlantic (CNA)** [www.northatlantic.nf.ca] to set up a campus in Qatar and represents two years of team building effort by the **Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE)** [www.cbie.ca].

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