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## CANADA/MALAYSIA CONFERENCE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, and the Minister for External Relations, the Honourable Monique Landry, announced today that a Canada/Malaysia Conference will be held October 7-9 in Ottawa.

The Conference sponsors are the Pacific Basin Economic Council - Canadian Committee (Ottawa), the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada (Vancouver), the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs (Carleton University, Ottawa), and the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia).

While dealing with Canada/Malaysia relations in general, the Conference gives special emphasis to economic cooperation between the two countries. "It will open a wider window on the opportunities which await Canada in Pacific Rim countries", Mr. Clark noted.

Malaysia is Canada's most important two-way trading partner in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). In 1985, Canadian exports to Malaysia totalled \$204.3 million against \$146 million in imports.

The Foreign Minister of Malaysia, Dato Rais Yatim, will give the conference keynote address at a dinner hosted by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, October 7 at 8:00 p.m. in the Skyline Hotel, Ottawa.

An exhibition of Malaysian culture and artifacts has been organized by the Malaysian High Commission and will be open to the public throughout the Conference in the Chaudière Room of the Skyline Hotel.