

Feel the heat at World Bioenergy 2006

Jönköping, Sweden, May 30-June 1, 2006 >

Participants will have the chance to learn from the Swedish experience in energy production from biomass at **World Bioenergy 2006**. There will be opportunities to showcase technologies to a market where 24 percent of the total energy demand is

supplied from bio-energy sources. The event will encompass two conferences and three trade shows—World Bioenergy, Pellets and Elmia Waste & Recycling—all taking place in southern Sweden.

Like Canada, Sweden is rich in forest resources. Wood biomass and by-products from the forest

sector and pulp and paper industry represent the primary sources of biofuel currently in use. Other sources include peat, household waste and agricultural biomass. Bioenergy is primarily used in district heating, heating individual homes, electricity production and the forest industry. In 2004, the equivalent to 110 terawatt hours was supplied from bioenergy sources.

Waste has also become an important source of fuel in Sweden's energy sector. Almost half of all the household waste in Sweden is incinerated at waste-to-energy plants that are equipped with effective flue gas cleaning. A third of the household

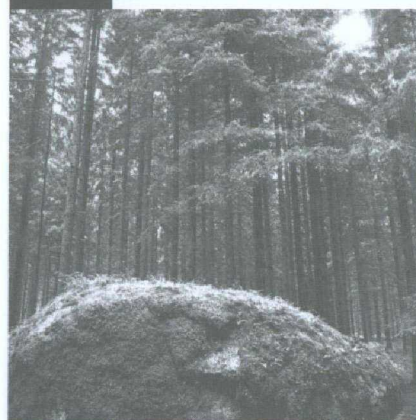
waste is recycled and 10 percent is treated biologically. Sweden has thus achieved a 90 percent diversion of household waste from landfill. Organisations that are taking part in this development will be exhibiting at the Elmia Waste & Recycling trade show. The inter-linkage between bioenergy and waste management is being addressed, as the World Bioenergy and Waste & Recycling events are being coordinated for the first time.

The World Bioenergy conference will also offer a site visit program in which bioenergy solutions will be demonstrated. The program will cover the following areas:

- forest energy harvesting and transportation (logging, residue bundling, short-rotation-coppice, on-site chipping);
- biofuel refining and transportation (pelletising plants, gasification, biogas production);
- heat and power generation (waste-to-energy, combined heat and power); and
- small-, medium- and large-scale pellet production.

Event participants will benefit from this excellent opportunity to network with key players in the bioenergy sector. The Canadian Embassy in Sweden is coordinating a Canada pavilion for companies interested in showcasing their products and expertise in the field.

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IMEXPRO 2006: Sri Lanka's international fair

Colombo, Sri Lanka, March 16-18, 2006 > The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce (Sri Lanka's largest and oldest) is organizing the **IMEXPRO 2006** international trade fair in Colombo this coming March. The last edition attracted more than 200 international visitors, and an opportunity is once again available for overseas exhibitors, buyers, and sellers to participate.

Buyers and sellers from Australia, China, Egypt, India, the Middle East, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Singapore, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Tunisia and the U.K. have

confirmed their participation, thus creating a platform for numerous international networking opportunities.

IMEXPRO will be a great opportunity for Canadian exporters, importers and potential investors to assess Sri Lanka's capabilities for enhancing their market strengths, and to develop strategic investment and joint venture partnerships.

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Embassy to hold catalogue shows in Gulf countries

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia > The Canadian Embassy in Saudi Arabia is planning to hold catalogue shows in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Oman in March 2006. With the cooperation of the chambers of commerce and industry in each country, the Embassy will display catalogues, brochures and posters from Canadian companies that are interested in exporting to the Saudi, Bahraini and Omani markets. This will also enable them to identify potential local companies that are interested in Canadian products and services.

Companies interested in participating can send catalogues and other promotional materials for distribution

or display during these shows, in quantities of at least 30 catalogues and not more than 120. Materials can be sent by courier directly to the Embassy at the following address: Commercial Section, Canadian Embassy in Saudi Arabia, Diplomatic Quarter, P.O. Box 94321, Riyadh 11693, Saudi Arabia. Indicate "CATALOGUE SHOW" and the appropriate sector. Companies should confirm their participation by fax or e-mail.

For more information, contact Andreas Weichert, Minister Counsellor (Commercial), tel.: (011-966-1) 488-2288, fax: (011-966-1) 488-0137, e-mail: ryadh-td@international.gc.ca.

SMM 2006: The global marketplace for marine technology

Hamburg, Germany, September 26-29, 2006 > Next fall, what many consider to be the world's foremost marine trade fair will be held in Hamburg. Experience has shown that the bi-annual **Shipbuilding, Machinery and Marine Technology International Trade Fair (SMM)** presents one of the best opportunities to introduce products to the international shipping and shipbuilding market. In 2004, over 42,000 trade visitors explored 1,450 stands displaying products from a very broad selection of marine sectors.

Canadian exhibitors reported very favourably on their experiences at SMM. In light of this, the Canadian Consulate in Hamburg will be actively involved in the 2006 fair.

For more information, go to www.smm2006.com. Recruitment from the Atlantic Provinces is being coordinated by Hayward Keats, Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Technology Industries, tel.: (709) 772-7385. Companies in other provinces should contact Tomlin Coggeshall, McNabb Marketing Resources (SMM representative), tel.: (207) 236-6196, e-mail: tcogg@midcoast.com.

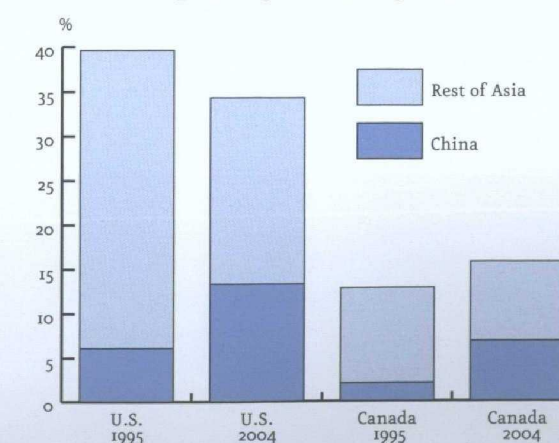
Is Asian manufacturing moving to China?

In both Canada and the U.S., the proportion of imports originating from China has increased over the past decade (1995-2004), rising from 6.1% to 13.4% in the U.S., and from 2.1% to 6.8% in Canada. With respect to the U.S., this increase in China's share came at the expense of the rest of Asia: the share of imports from countries other than China decreased by 12.5%. In Canada's case, however, the rest of Asia suffered less, with their share of imports decreasing by a much smaller 1.8 percentage points. These trends might suggest that China is becoming the manufacturing centre of Asia.

Provided by the Trade and Economic Analysis Division (www.international.gc.ca/eet).

FACTS & FIGURES

Canada and the U.S.: Imports from Asia (percentage of total imports)



Source: World Trade Atlas