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McDOUGALL TO VISIT JAPAN, HONG KONG AND CAMBODIA

External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall will travel to Japan, Hong Kong and Cambodia, February 22-28.

While in Tokyo, February 22-24, the Minister will call on Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa and senior government ministers. Discussions will include the recommendations of Canada-Japan Forum 2000; United Nations issues; Mrs. McDougall's recent trips to Moscow and Washington; Asia-Pacific issues and the Group of Seven (G-7) leading industrialized countries summit, which will be held this year in Japan.

Mrs. McDougall will also meet with the Director General of the Japan Defence Agency, Toshio Nakayama, to discuss cooperation on peacekeeping, the situation in Cambodia and Asia-Pacific security issues. In addition, the Minister will deliver a speech to a joint gathering of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Japan and the Canada-Japan Society.

In Hong Kong, February 25-26, Mrs. McDougall will meet with Governor Christopher Patten and members of the Legislative Council. Canada's support for the continued stability, democratic development and economic prosperity of Hong Kong will be discussed, as well as bilateral issues. During her stay, the Minister will lay a wreath at the statue of Sergeant-Major John Osborn, a soldier of the Winnipeg Grenadiers, killed in the battle of Hong Kong and posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross. Mrs. McDougall will also address the Asia Society.