

1985

Symposium II, March 18-22; Opening of the Expo Centre, May 2; International Planning Meeting, May 6-7; Construction of all international pavilions, completed by November; Construction of the publicly owned portion of Canada Place completed by late summer.

1986

Vancouver celebrates its centennial, April 6; EXPO 86 opens, May 2; Closing day ceremonies, October 13.

## 5. Ceremonies of the 1986 World Exposition

### OPENING DAY CEREMONIES

On May 2, 1986, the Opening Day Ceremonies signalled the start of the 1986 World Exposition. Their Royal Highnesses, the Prince and Princess of Wales, were in British Columbia from April 30 to May 6 for the official opening. Canada's Prime Minister The Right Hon. Brian Mulroney and British Columbia Premier The Hon. Bill Bennett also participated in the Opening Day Ceremonies at the 60 000-seat B.C. Place Stadium.

### CLOSING DAY CEREMONIES

Closing Day Ceremonies were held on October 13, 1986 (Thanksgiving Day, a Canadian National Holiday) in the B.C. Place Stadium. They included a parade from the Canada Pavilion. Participating in the ceremony were the Premier of British Columbia, The Hon. William N. Vander Zalm; The Minister for International Trade, The Hon. Pat Carney; The Commissioner General of the 1986 World Exposition, Ambassador Patrick Reid; The Chairman of the EXPO 86 Steering Committee of the College of Commissioners General, Mr. E.R.I. Allan; The Commissioner General of the 1988 World Exposition, Sir Edward Williams; The Minister of Social Services and Housing, and Minister Responsible for EXPO 86, The Hon. Claude Richmond; The Mayor of Vancouver, Mr. Michael Harcourt; The Chairman and President of the Expo 86 Corporation, Mr. Jim Pattison.

## 6. Calendar

See Appendix/Calendar of Events.

## 7. The Host Nation and The Host Province

In accordance with BIE rules, The 1986 World Exposition was sponsored by the Government of Canada, the Host Country, under the general authority of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, The Right Hon. Joe Clark, while the minister responsible was The Hon. Don Mazankowski. Both exercised authority through the Commissioner General of The 1986 World Exposition, Ambassador Patrick Reid. The Commissioner General was responsible for ensuring that all appropriate measures were taken for the good order and efficient operation of the Exposition. Federal commitments included securing the participants, the provision of essential services and the promotion of EXPO 86.