

## 6. International Pavilions, General Description

Following BIE requirements, EXPO 86 designed and built a pre-fabricated modular pavilion system for leasing by its international and state participants. One modular unit was 250 square metres (2691 sq. ft). The basic module consisted of 8 and 14 metre high (26' and 47') tubular steel columns and trusses which supported a suspended roof assembly and perimeter beams. Wall panels of different materials, such as wood and aluminum, were hung from the steel frame. The interior space of the modular unit was kept relatively free and flexible in all pavilion sizes. Pavilions up to 3000 square metres had column-free interior spaces and a minimum clear height of 7.2 metres. Those larger had a single mast of four columns in the centre. The exterior and interior design and finishing of each pavilion was the participant's responsibility. Easily customized to exhibitors' requirements, the modular pavilions were acclaimed as the most innovative in recent exposition history. The modules made up approximately half the buildings on the False Creek site.

Each pavilion was visually, structurally and acoustically separate. Participants chose the size of their pavilions, and then completed the interior and exterior of the structure. International pavilions ranged in size from one to 11 modules.

A minimum of one-third of each pavilion was devoted to the theme of transportation and communications. Other exhibitry focused on artistic, cultural and geographical attractions of the pavilion's sponsor. Many pavilions also included restaurants featuring national and ethnic cuisine. Some nations presented additional eating facilities in structures nearby. Most pavilions included shops featuring goods from the home country.

## 7. International Participants (in order of commitment to participate)

### BRITAIN

AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE: April 17, 1981

NATIONAL DAY: July 12, 1986

COMMISSIONER GENERAL: Mr. E.R.I. (Ted) Allan, O.B.E.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS GENERAL: Mr. Ray Addington, Mr. John Marshall, Mr. Dennis Loxley

PAVILION DESCRIPTION: 1500 square metres (16 146 sq. ft.) - Green Zone.

Architects: Armour Blewatt & Partners, Vancouver, B.C. Uniquely shaped waterfront pavilion with stylized British flags on white exterior.

EXHIBITS: "Local" transportation (bicycles, scooters, the 100 000th Rolls Royce); "National" transportation (British Rail high-speed train, models of hovercraft, helicopters, Optica aircraft and Skyship 600, the world's largest helium-filled airship); "International" transportation (civil aviation technology from an oil rig helicopter pad; models of Concorde, A320 airbus, Shorts 330, Skyvan aircraft); "Fun" transportation (Jaguar 21 yacht, Dory 15 skiboat, Avon SR4 inflatable, hang-gliders, micro-lites, go-carts); "Frontier Movers" (full-size cab of MAGLEV; displays of HOTOL; GLORIA; the Thrust, world's fastest car).