

## THE LESTER B. PEARSON BUILDING

The Lester B. Pearson Building, home to Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, welcomes visitors from around the world every day. It is a busy place for international conferences, trade delegations and diplomatic missions. Situated at 125 Sussex Drive in Ottawa, it fronts on the ceremonial route linking Parliament Hill in the city centre with the residences of the Governor General and the Prime Minister to the east. Across the road are the National Research Council's Steacie Institute and Earnscliffe, once the home of Canada's first Prime Minister, Sir John A. Macdonald, and now the residence of the British High Commissioner. Also nearby are the embassies of France, Japan and Saudi Arabia, and the high commissions of Malaysia and South Africa.

The building is named in honour of Lester Bowles Pearson, Canada's 14th Prime Minister, a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize and a distinguished statesman (1897-1972). His ideals and vision continue to be a source of pride and inspiration to the Department and to Canadians.

Opened on August 1, 1973 by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the Lester B. Pearson Building reflects the surrounding landscape. It is a structure worthy of the Department and the Canadian people it serves. Over the years, scores of dignitaries have passed through its heavy bronze doors – kings and queens, presidents and prime ministers, foreign ministers, ambassadors, and many others.