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ASIA PACIFIC FOUNDATION APPOINTMENTS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today announced the appointment of Mr. Arthur S. Hara of Vancouver as the new Chairman of the Board of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada. In making the appointment, the Minister expressed confidence that under Mr. Hara's Chairmanship the Foundation would continue to build on its strong base and move to a new and dynamic phase. He also thanked the outgoing Chairman, Mr. John Bruk, for his tireless efforts in firmly establishing the Foundation as an effective institution.

Mr. Hara, who is currently Chairman of the Board of Mitsubishi Canada, has a deep interest and knowledge of the Pacific region and is a member of the Canadian National Committee on Pacific Economic Cooperation and the Pacific Basin Economic Council. A graduate of Kobe and Harvard Universities, he has been active over the years in various public-spirited organizations. Mr. Hara has served as Chairman of the Vancouver Board of Trade and as a Member of the Board of Governors of the Business Council of British Columbia. He is a member of the Order of Canada.

Mr. Clark also announced the appointment of two new members to the Asia Pacific Foundation Board, Mr. Arthur R. Smith of Calgary, President and Chief Executive Officer of Lavalin Services Inc., and Scott A. Misener of Toronto, Chairman of the Board of Misener Holdings Ltd. In addition the Secretary of State for External Affairs, re-appointed Mr. Paul Hill of Regina, President, McCallum Hill Companies, to the Board. Announcements of further appointments to the Asia Pacific Foundation Board are to follow.

The Asia Pacific Foundation was established in 1983. The objectives of the Foundation are to advance knowledge and understanding and to promote respect and trust amongst the peoples and institutions of Canada and the Asia Pacific region towards their cultural, social and economic enrichment.