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CHAN TO TRAVEL TO AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific) Raymond Chan, will travel to Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines, from August 1 to 16.

From August 1 to 3, Mr. Chan will attend the South Pacific Forum's Post-Forum Dialogue in Brisbane, Australia. While there, he will meet with leaders of some 15 South Pacific Islands to discuss issues related to sustainable environment management, high seas fisheries, development assistance and nuclear non-proliferation.

From August 3 to 7, Mr. Chan will pay a bilateral visit to Australia with stops in Canberra and Sydney. He will meet with ministers and parliamentarians as well as senior academics and experts in Asia-Pacific issues, members of the Australian business community and distinguished members of Australia's Chinese community.

From August 7 to 10, Mr. Chan will travel to Auckland and Wellington, New Zealand. He will meet with government ministers — in particular the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of International Trade — as well as business leaders and other prominent community members, including representatives of New Zealand's Chinese community.

From August 10 to 16, Mr. Chan will visit Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines. In these three countries he will hold talks with government ministers on the development of bilateral relations and international and regional economic and political issues of mutual interest. Mr. Chan will also meet local business leaders. In Malaysia and Singapore he will address major business associations, while in the Philippines he will hold a round table with key Canadian firms active in the region.

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