

predicted. Well over two thousand special events, conferences and symposia were held in conjunction with Expo 86. Over one hundred thousand performers - ranging from opera singers to motorcyclists - entertained close to six million show patrons.

Expo 86 cost money, but it generated over 63,000 person years of employment in Canada with \$1.34 billion in wages and salaries. It developed \$3.7 billion in economic output and tax revenues of \$570 million. It was, in every way, a mega project.

Expo 86 transformed 70 hectares of rundown waterfront real estate in Vancouver and was the catalyst for a billion dollar automated light rapid transit system, for a new bridge, for six new hotels, for a magnificent trade and convention centre and cruise ship facility sponsored by the Government of Canada.

Above all, it confirmed Vancouver as a major international communications centre and British Columbia as a world class tourist destination, both looking out on the dynamic Pacific Rim. Brisbane is very much like Vancouver - a seaport at an extremity of the country, with no fear of taking on gigantic projects. Even the site of Expo 88 is reminiscent of that of Expo 86 involving as it does the redevelopment of a downtown waterfront area in a way that will permanently enhance the city.

Expo 86 will provide a focal point for other nations to participate in the Australian Bicentennial. For countries like Canada and Australia, celebrations of our national accomplishments should be international events. As I have tried to make clear, both our countries continue to be shaped and defined by our openness to the rest of the world and our efforts to ensure the world's openness to us. Working together, I am confident we can secure a better future for us all.

Thank you.