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Research Online: The DFAIT Research Page

Are building connections to the world

(This is the second in a series of articles on the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade's Info-Internet Implementation Plan.)

Effective immediately, all users can access The DFAIT Research Page from any workstation connected to the Internet.* The URL or address is:

http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/res

Info-Internet Plan:
Reviewing Our Progress

In July, the Department launched its World Wide Web Site on the Internet. This broadened our profile in the international community and enhanced our service to clients by providing them with instant, cost effective access to up-to-date information on our services and activities. Today, another DFAIT Internet initiative is being made available. Users at Headquarters and missions can access The DFAIT Research Page (DRP) from any workstation connected to the Internet and easily locate useful sources of information relevant to the Department's work.

Four key projects make up the Department's Info-Internet Implementation Plan: DFAIT Web Service; Internal Web Service; SIGNET User Access to the Internet; and The DFAIT Research Page. Of these, the DRP is the primary tool to navigate the Internet.

Our presence on the Internet, that 'dynamic global connection of people

and computers, all linked together by miles of cables and telephone lines, all able to communicate because they share a common language,' is part of the Department's strategy to use technology to help achieve its mandate.

"The only constant in today's business environment is change – constantly accelerating change – change of a scope unimaginable in the past."

In the last few years, the Department has begun transforming itself to master the challenges that change poses for its business. To take quick, responsible and decisive

action, the Department depends upon up-to-date information. By having access to the Internet, the Department is better positioned than ever to achieve its mandate and meet the demands of today's changing world. Technology is, therefore, helping us to reshape DFAIT into a stronger, more productive, more successful department.

A Cool Tool:
The DFAIT Research Page

A world of information instantly available. The DFAIT Research Page was developed by the Information Resources Bureau (SKD) in consultation with other divisions.

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