

## ***Showing the Flag***

### **A Canadian Photo Album**

The *Showing the Flag* exhibition was mounted to commemorate the 32nd anniversary of our flag on February 15, 1997. It depicts the Maple Leaf flag at many of the Canadian embassies, high commissions and consulates around the world. The flag is seen sometimes flying boldly outside and sometimes displayed prominently at various official, work-related or leisure events.

The exhibit of photographs and a computer version of it were launched by the Department simultaneously.

Web site: <[www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/english/flag/menu.htm](http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/english/flag/menu.htm)>

## **The Lester B. Pearson Building: Nerve Centre of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade**

### **Finding a Home for the Department**

As Canada's international responsibilities expanded during and after the Second World War, the Department of External Affairs became increasingly dispersed beyond the East Block of the Parliament Buildings, historically identified as its home from 1914 until 1973. With the move to the Lester B. Pearson Building in 1973, the Department's headquarters activities were once again brought together under a single roof.

### **At Work in the Pearson Building**

The work carried out in the Pearson Building has continued to evolve, notably as a result of the amalgamation of External Affairs and the Trade Commissioner Service in 1982. In 1995 the Department's name was formally changed to Foreign Affairs and International Trade. The Pearson Building is the nerve centre of departmental activities, and its conference facilities are often used as well for other events of national importance, such as federal-provincial meetings and Cabinet retreats.

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