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APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
ASIA PACIFIC FOUNDATION OF CANADA

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today the appointment of Jean-Paul Gourdeau, Eng. M. Sc., to the Board of Directors of the Asia Pacific Foundation. Mr. Gourdeau is currently Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the SNC Group of Montréal, Quebec.

The Asia Pacific Foundation, which is based in Vancouver, was incorporated by Act of Parliament in 1984. It is an independent, non-profit organization established to enhance knowledge and understanding among the peoples and institutions of Canada and the Asia Pacific Region. Its specific mandate is to strengthen Canada's economic involvement in Asia and the Pacific through the development of initiatives and programmes in the area of business and economic affairs, education, information, culture and public affairs.

Mr. Gourdeau holds several other directorships including with La Fondation de l'Université du Québec à Montréal; Canadian Export Association (President 1984-85); and the International Finance and Trade Centre of La Chambre de commerce du district de Montréal.

Mr. Gourdeau was educated at Université Laval (1949); Ecole Polytechnique, Université de Montréal, B. A. Sc. (1951); and Harvard University, M. Sc. (1952).

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