## Factoids, Civil Canada

## element: Harmonious, progressive communities (continued)

## message: We Have A Bright Future

After a 4 year decline, the federal government spending on culture increased to \$6 billion in 1998-1999

Canadians have made, and continue to make, significant progress in space engineering

Space engineering continues to give Canada distinguished status of space nation

The Canadarm (1981), has been used in 50 NASA space missions and had done 7000 orbits with no malfunctions

The Mobile Servicing System (MSS) is the next generation Canadarm

• It is an essential component of the International Space Station; to be used assembling, maintaining and moving equipment and supplies around the station Between 1993 and 1999, Canadian aerospace industry sales doubled, creating 30,000 new jobs

Canada is moving from an industrial economy to a knowledge-based economy, and distance is no longer an obstacle

Canadians are re-discovering the importance of community and home

There is a growing trend towards home-based work, shopping and health services