

institutions, a common belief in liberalized trade and a mutual interest in export development. Our countries have only begun to tap the great potential for expanded trade and economic co-operation. Trade agreements create opportunities to expand trade and investment. Trade development initiatives, such as this mission, can help companies in Canada and Chile make the most of those opportunities.

We will succeed only if companies such as yours, Canadian and Chilean -- and organizations such as the Canada-Chile Chamber of Commerce -- explore and take full advantage of the new markets created by these agreements. As members of the Chamber, you can play a leading role in building closer ties between Canada and Chile as partners in the Americas.

Thank you for showing me the dynamism of your nation, the charm of your country and the warmth of your hospitality.