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MR. CLARK TO VISIT JAPAN, INDONESIA AND SINGAPORE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark today announced that he will visit the Asia Pacific region from July 21 to July 31. During his visit, Mr. Clark will meet with Japan's foreign minister, participate in a conference of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), and together with International Trade Minister, John C. Crosbie, attend the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Conference in Singapore.

"Canada supports the idea of a Pacific community, a community characterized by common interests and a common pursuit of peace and prosperity through co-operation," stated Mr. Clark.

While in Japan, July 21-24, Mr. Clark will meet with Japan's foreign minister, Dr. Taro Nakayama, to discuss developments in Europe and their impact on Japan and Asia Pacific. In particular, they will discuss the means by which Japan might become more fully involved in the process of East-West accommodation.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs is also expected to outline his views on the need for new forms of co-operation in the Asia Pacific region, and discuss Canada-Japan co-operation in the field of development assistance.

Mr Clark will then travel to Indonesia, July 25-29, for bilateral discussions and to attend the annual ASEAN Post Ministerial Conference of Foreign Ministers of the ASEAN countries (Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand) and the Foreign Ministers of Canada, the United States, Japan, Australia and New Zealand. Representatives of the European Community and of the European Commission will also attend the conference.

Discussions will include consideration of the recently concluded Houston Economic Summit, the continuing conflict in Cambodia, Indochinese Refugees, the impact of changes in Europe on Asia Pacific, and regional and global environmental issues. Mr. Clark will also discuss relations between Canada and ASEAN countries and is expected to announce several significant initiatives in this respect.

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