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As part of the *Think Canada Festival 2001*, the Canadian Embassy organized in Tokyo on April 17th a symposium on *Issues for the 21st Century: Think Peace and Security*. The objective of this symposium was to reinforce Canada-Japan collaboration on peace and security issues and to explore critical peace and security challenges faced by both countries at the opening of the 21st century.

The *Think Peace and Security* symposium brought together a select group of Canadian and Japanese experts, including former Canadian Foreign Minister the Honourable Lloyd Axworthy, and former UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs Yasushi Akashi. The symposium focused on present and future challenges in key areas, including: international institutions and peace and security; state sovereignty and security; humanitarian intervention; the impact of technological change on peace and security; and, issues in maritime security. The scale and reach of this symposium was a first for Canadian security cooperation with Japan, providing a unique opportunity to expose Japanese experts to Canadian thinking and, at the same time, enabling participants to expand their networks of contacts.

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We wish to thank all of the distinguished speakers and commentators who participated in our *Think Peace and Security* symposium for their innovative contributions. These provided for dynamic discussions and offered a wealth of interesting new ideas for broader, longer-term collaboration. We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to our university partners in this undertaking for their invaluable assistance: York University's Centre for International and Security Studies; and, Keio University. As well, we thank the Asahi Shimbun for its extensive coverage of, and support for, this event.

This publication contains the papers of five Canadian speakers at the *Think Peace and Security* symposium, the keynote speech by former Foreign Minister Axworthy, as well as comments from Japanese experts made in response to the Canadian presentations. The opinions expressed herein represent the views of the individual authors and not necessarily those of the Government of Canada or of the respective Canadian and Japanese institutions.

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