

## Immigration quotas for 1985

Minister of Employment and Immigration Flora MacDonald recently announced that Canada plans to admit between 85 000 and 90 000 immigrants in 1985.

The 1985 levels were set following consultations with provincial and territorial governments, as well as numerous non-governmental organizations and groups concerned with refugees.

Miss MacDonald said that renewed emphasis will be placed on the business immigration program. In 1983, business immigrants brought \$820 million to Canada, half of the total capital brought by all immigrants, and created about 4 600 jobs for Canadians.

"We intend to promote this program abroad vigorously since it makes the most immediate contribution to Canada's economic growth, relative to other immigration components," she said.

In effect since 1982, is a requirement that immigrants admitted as selected workers have prearranged employment. This requirement will be maintained.

### Families reunited

The reunification of family members remains a first priority. Miss MacDonald said there were "no restrictions on the number of eligible family class members who can be admitted if they qualify". There are some 45 000 applications based on family reunification for 1985.

The government-assisted refugee component has been increased by 10 per cent to 11 000, "reflecting our continued concern for displaced and persecuted people", said Miss MacDonald. In addition, about 4 000 refugees are expected to be sponsored privately, and from 5 000 to 8 000 immigrants will be admitted under relaxed criteria for humanitarian reasons.

The immigration levels are for one year only, pending a major review of immigration policy during the coming year.

"Following this thorough assessment of all factors involved in immigration planning, we will be in a better position to effectively establish immigration levels over the longer term," said Miss MacDonald.

Details of immigration policy issues considered in establishing the 1985 levels are outlined in the *Background paper on future immigration levels*, which accompanies the *Annual Report to Parliament on Future Immigration Levels*. Copies of the report and background paper are available from Enquiries and Distribution, Employment and Immigration Canada, Ottawa-Hull, K1A 0J9.

## Prime minister's greeting



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## Italian-Canadian studies chair established

York University in Toronto, Ontario, is setting up a chair of Italian-Canadian studies to conduct research and develop teaching programs of an Italian-Canadian nature. The programs will be designed to contribute to a better understanding of Canada's pluralistic nature.

The chair, which will allow the study of the contributions and evolution of Italian culture on a continuing basis, is being financed by the Endowment Assistance Program of Multiculturalism Canada and the Murray Anthony Elia Charitable Foundation. Their equal contributions of \$350 000 will be placed in an endowment trust account.

The Italian-Canadian chair is the seventh one established with aid from the Endowment Assistance Program. The program

## Auto parts for Japan

Three Ontario companies have recently signed deals to sell automobile parts to Nissan Motor Company of Japan and a subsidiary for the company's assembly plants in the United States and Japan.

One of the deals is with Degussa Canada Limited of Burlington, Ontario. The company will supply Nissan with catalytic converters beginning in September 1985.

The exhaust emission devices will be shipped for installation on the *Sanata*, a new passenger car model produced by Nissan.

Sales to Japan are expected to total about \$2.1 million annually.

In another agreement, Marui Industrial Company, a subsidiary of Nissan, will establish a joint venture with G.S. Woolley Limited of Scarborough, Ontario, to produce automotive name plates, emblems and symbols using acrylic resin products.

The new deal will give the Canadian company access to improved technology from Japan and Canadian employees will be trained by the Japanese before production begins in 1986.

The third deal has been struck by a major supplier to Nissan. Commencing next July, Progressive Moulded Products Limited of North York, Ontario, will manufacture 20 000 plastic cooling fans a month for the Japanese parts producer, Usui Kokusai Sangyo. The fans will be shipped to the new Nissan plant in Smyrna, Tennessee, for installation in light trucks.

In 1986, that US plant will also produce *Senra* passenger cars and it is expected that Usui's contract with Progressive Moulded Products will be expanded to supply that production line.

promotes the establishment, at Canadian universities, of chairs of studies in humanities, social sciences, communications and fine arts relating to Canadian ethnocultural groups. Program funds must be matched by a sponsoring voluntary organization.

Other chairs established to date are: Hungarian studies at the University of Toronto; Mennonite studies at the University of Winnipeg, Manitoba; Ukrainian studies at the University of Toronto; Acadian studies at the University of Moncton, New Brunswick; Gaelic studies at St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia; and native and aboriginal cultures of Atlantic Canada at St. Thomas University, Fredericton, New Brunswick.