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## The Expo Centre sets gears in motion for world exposition

On May 2, 1985 the Expo Centre will open as the major prelude to the 1986 World Exposition, EXPO 86, to be held in Vancouver, British Columbia from May 2 to October 13, 1986.

EXPO 86 will be Canada's second world exposition. Montreal's EXPO 67 is still considered internationally by many as one of the most successful expositions ever held. The 1986 World Exposition coincides with the one-hundredth anniversary of the city of Vancouver and the arrival of the first transcontinental train on the west coast. It will be a year-long celebration featuring the very best of world expositions.

The Expo Centre, Vancouver's newest landmark, will become a major tourist attraction when it opens on May 2 and it will be one of the main attractions of the 1986 World Exposition. It is situated on the main Expo site, a 70-hectare section along 4.2 kilometres of shoreline on the north and east shores of False Creek.

Within the Expo Centre's gleaming 17-storey geodesic dome are theatres, exhibits, restaurants and shops. The centre is a first in exposition history and will be part of the EXPO 86 marketing campaign.

### A voyage in largest theatre

In Canada's first and the world's largest 500-seat Omnimax Theatre inside the centre, viewers will be able to see the 18-minute Omnimax film, *A Freedom to Move* by an award-winning Canadian crew.

The film is a sensory voyage that transports the viewer from the frozen tundra of the North Pole to the sun-baked flats of

the Mohave Desert, and beyond to the far regions of space.

Inside the 323-seat Futures Theatre, visitors will be able to forecast the future at the first interactive theatre in Canada. By pressing buttons located in the arms of their seats, the audience will vote on possible future scenarios in world transportation and communications.

The third Expo Centre presentation, Design 2000, is a dynamic walk-through exhibit presenting ideas of what may happen in the future.

Over-all preparations for EXPO 86 continue to progress on schedule and observers

acknowledge that the 1986 World Exposition is the most advanced at this stage of any world exposition. With full commitment to EXPO 86 by all levels of government, corporate sponsorship to date has also raised \$140 million.

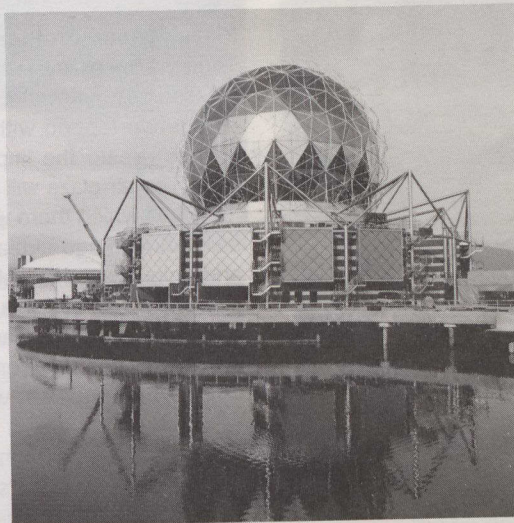
The number of countries signed up for participation is approaching 40 and the number of corporations 16.

With provincial, state and other pavilions, the number of pavilions on the Expo site is expected to total more than 80.

### Canada's pavilion

At the second EXPO 86 site, a huge three-hectare pier reaching three-and-a-half city blocks out onto Burrard Inlet, north of False Creek, construction is progressing well on Canada Place. It will house the Canadian pavilion and exhibits from several corporations.

A main feature of the large structure, designed like a sailing ship under full canvas, is a 500-seat theatre with a three-



*The opening of the Expo Centre is a unique prelude to the 1986 World Exposition in Vancouver.*



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