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GENERAL CARLOS P. ROMULO,
FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE PHILIPPINES,
VISITS CANADA
OCTOBER 7-10, 1981

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mark MacGuigan, announced today that the Foreign Minister of the Philippines, General Carlos P. Romulo, will pay an official visit to Canada from October 7 to 10, 1981.

General Romulo is a distinguished statesman who has been personally involved with the United Nations since its foundation in 1945. Of the 51 men who signed the United Nations' Charter in San Francisco, he is the sole surviving member. He is also an author of note and won the Pulitzer Prize for Journalism in 1942.

The visit of the Philippine Foreign Minister is welcomed as an indication of the growing importance of Canada's relations with the Philippines, both bilaterally and as a member of the Association of South East Asian Nations. In 1980, Canada's exports to the Philippines totalled \$108 million and imports from the Philippines, \$101 million.