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APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
ASIA PACIFIC FOUNDATION OF CANADA

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today the appointment of J. Gavin Connell to the Board of Directors of the Asia Pacific Foundation. Mr. Connell is currently a partner of Ray Connell in Vancouver, British Columbia.

The Asia Pacific Foundation, which is based in Vancouver, was incorporated by Act of Parliament in 1984. It is an independent, non-profit organization established to enhance knowledge and understanding among the peoples and institutions of Canada and the Asia Pacific region. The Foundation's specific mandate is to strengthen Canada's economic involvement in Asia and the Pacific through the development of initiatives and programmes in the area of business and economic affairs, education, information, culture and public affairs.

Mr. Connell is involved in other organizations active in promoting Canada's relations with Asian countries. He is President of the Canada-Japan Society of Vancouver and Honorary Solicitor of the Philippines-Canada Trade Council of Vancouver as well as a member of the Canada-Korea Business Association and Hong Kong-Canada Business Association. Mr. Connell was also a member of the Organizing Committee for the Pacific Basin Economic Cooperation (PBECC) Conference in Vancouver in 1984.

Mr. Connell is a graduate in Commerce and in Law from the University of British Columbia.

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