

Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark

Born in High River, Alberta on June 5, 1939, Mr. Clark holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and a Master of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Alberta, as well as an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of New Brunswick.

A former journalist and political advisor, Mr. Clark was first elected to the House of Commons in the general election of 1972. He has been re-elected to the House in all successive general elections up to and including 1988.

On February 22, 1976, Mr. Clark was elected Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party. He was sworn in as Prime Minister on June 4, 1979, following the May 22 general election. His government was defeated at the polls on February 18, 1980.

Mr. Clark has focussed his attention on returning Canada to its traditional role of consistent and constructive internationalism since his appointment in 1984, and re-appointment in 1988, as Secretary of State for External Affairs.

In addition to focussing on the importance of strengthening Canada's relations with the Asia-Pacific region, the United States, Latin America and Europe, Mr. Clark has also devoted considerable attention to regional issues affecting Southern Africa, Central America and Cambodia.

Mr. Clark also continues to stress the importance, in Canada's foreign relations, of international peacekeeping and Third World development.

