

Factoids, Civil Canada

element: Harmonious, progressive communities

message: Canadian Influences Are Recognized Worldwide

Canada has the highest telephone penetration in the world

Canada is the 2nd largest exporter of television programming in the world

Canadian policy encourages both high tech., and resource based industries

In 1999, one-tenth of Canadian businesses used the Internet to sell goods and services

Canada ranks first among the G7 in wireless communication costs

Canada is rated #2 in overall World connectedness

Canada is the #1 trading partner to the U.S.

Canada is the largest mineral exporter in the world

In 1998, Canadian ports handled 375.2 million tonnes of freight

In November 2000, international travel to Canada increased by 1.3%, and Canadian travel overseas increased by 6.1%

Canada has the largest industrial biotechnical community in the world

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) supports foreign aid projects in more than 100 of the poorest countries in the World

message: Canada is Willing to Introduce, and Support Changes in Natural Sciences and Engineering

In 2000-2001, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) invested \$550 million in university-based research training in natural sciences and engineering

- NSERC
 - is investing \$3.8 million to promote science and engineering among young Canadians
 - supports 9000 students in their advanced studies
 - funds more than 8700 researchers every year
 - encourages more than 1000 Canadian companies to invest in university research
- NSERC will invest \$500,000 over the next 5 years to develop technologies that will process large amounts of data into useable information

The Canadian Foundation for Innovation is an independent corporation established by the Government of Canada in 1997. The Foundation's goal is to strengthen the capability of Canadian universities, colleges, research hospitals, and other not-for-profit institutions to carry out world-class research and technology development

The Canadian Foundation for Innovation announced in January 2001 the investment of \$9.6 million to help launch careers of 82 researchers at 25 Canadian universities