

PRIME MINISTER, WE ARE CONSCIOUS OF YOUR DECISION, IN THE YEAR THAT YOU HOST THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT, TO COME FIRST TO CANADA AS YOU PREPARE FOR THAT HISTORIC MEETING. YOUR CONVERSATIONS WITH MR. MULRONEY HAVE LED TO AGREEMENTS AS TO THE GOALS OUR COUNTRIES WILL PURSUE TOGETHER, AT THE SUMMIT, AND IN FIGHTING FOR A FREER WORLD TRADING SYSTEM.

FOR CANADA, 1986 IS THE YEAR OF ASIA. WE ARE OPENING NEW TRADE OFFICES IN OSAKA AND BOMBAY AND SHANGHAI. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY, CANADA WILL HOST THE PACIFIC ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION CONFERENCE IN VANCOUVER IN THE FALL. OUR PRIME MINISTER WILL PLAY HIS ACTIVE ROLE IN THE TOKYO SUMMIT, AND THEN GO ON TO OFFICIAL VISITS IN JAPAN AND CHINA AND KOREA. AND WE WELCOME THE WORLD TO THIS PACIFIC CITY OF VANCOUVER TO CELEBRATE EXPO '86, A SPECTACULAR EXPOSITION OF THE NEW FRONTIERS OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION.

THERE COULD BE NO BETTER BEGINNING THAN TO HAVE YOU HERE TO LAUNCH THIS YEAR WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND TO OUR PACIFIC REGION. YOUR COUNTRY IS RESPECTED HERE, AS A STRONG DEMOCRACY, AS AN ECONOMIC POWER HOUSE, AS A NATURAL ALLY, AND AS A MODEL OF THE WAY TO MASTER THE FUTURE.

AND YOU SIR, IN THESE LAST FEW DAYS, HAVE INCREASED THE LARGE CIRCLE OF ADMIRERS OF ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL STATES OF THE MODERN WORLD. YOUR COMMITMENT, YOUR SKILL, YOUR ABILITY TO