

Business at the Forefront



As APEC chair, Canada has made it a priority to ensure that business insights are factored into all APEC activities. An International Energy Business Symposium is being held in conjunction with the Energy Ministerial. Business people from Canada and throughout Asia Pacific will participate in a dialogue with APEC ministers. This exchange will help set the agenda and bring the practical concerns of business directly into the process.

Site visits to various energy facilities will showcase Canada's advanced energy technologies to visiting APEC ministers and business leaders. Locations include the Alberta Oil Sands in Fort McMurray; a coal-fired power station in Point Aconi, Nova Scotia; and a hydroelectric dam in Revelstoke, British Columbia.

Over the next 10 years, 50 per cent of the world's energy growth will take place in Asia. APEC Energy Week will demonstrate to decision makers that Canadian capabilities are an excellent match with the energy needs of the APEC region.

Pacific Winds Sweep Across the Prairies

Asia Connects Youth Conference

Winnipeg, Manitoba

Delegates had packed their bags and were ready to go, but the Red River flood forced organizers to postpone Asia Connects from its original date in May to September 28 – October 5. Canadian and Asian youth are set to meet in late September to discuss their shared



Official poster of Asia Connects Youth Conference

future within a Pacific community. Asia Connects will be linked to twelve other sites in Canada via teleconferencing.

Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy will share his insights on the importance of Asia Pacific and hear, first-hand, the views of delegates on Canada's relationship with the region.

Edmonton Asia Pacific Month

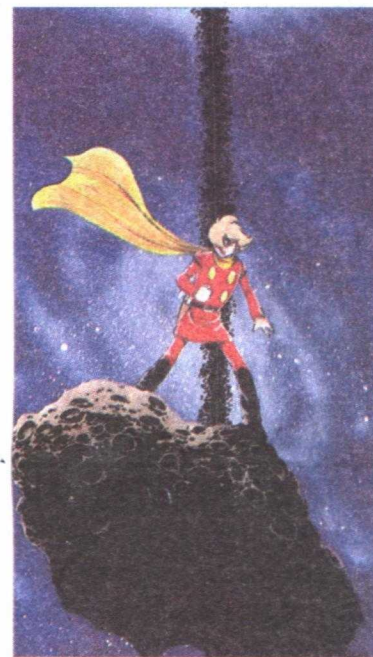
Edmonton, Alberta - August 1997

In honour of the APEC Energy Ministerial to be held in Edmonton, Mayor Bill Smith has declared August as Asia Pacific month, highlighting the importance of Edmonton's relationship with the region. CYAP representatives took part in the kickoff for the month, held at Edmonton City Hall on July 29 and announced funding for CYAP cultural projects throughout Alberta.



Manga

Sailor Moon, Astro Boy or the Transformers. If you've heard of these popular cartoon figures, you are already familiar with manga. Based on the historic Japanese tradition of story telling with pictures, the exhibit Manga — The Popular Art of Japanese Comic Books — is sure to attract crowds of every age group to see this rare, colourful collection. The exhibit will be on-site at the Asia Connects Youth Conference from September 22 to October 3, and will then move on to Regina (Galleria Shopping Centre, October 10-24) Halifax (St. Mary's University, November 3-14) and Toronto (Harbourfront Centre, November 21-December 8).



Winnipeg's Folklorama Festival Celebrates Asia Pacific

The 1997 Folklorama festival, the largest multicultural extravaganza of its kind in the world, will celebrate Canada's Pacific heritage this year. Almost 40 per cent of this year's pavillions represent an Asian theme, bringing Canada's multicultural ties to Asia Pacific vividly to life.

Visitors to Folklorama, being held August 3 – 16, can explore the wonders of the Philippines, India, Korea, Australia and New Zealand to discover the mystery and beauty of Asia Pacific. CYAP is helping to fund a performance of Chinese folk dance and music by 15 young performers from Chengdu, (China), Winnipeg's sister city.

For more information, contact the Folklorama Festival at 1-800-665-0234.



Folklorama hosts a wide variety of Asian performers each year

