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APPOINTMENT OF JOHN M. POWLES
AS COMMISSIONER GENERAL FOR CANADA
AT ENERGY EXPO '82, KNOXVILLE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. Mark MacGuigan, announced today the appointment of John M. Powles as Commissioner General for the Canadian participation at Energy Expo '82, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Born in Winnipeg and educated in Japan and Vancouver, John Powles has been associated with world exhibitions since 1969 when he began working for the Canadian Pavilion at Expo '70, Osaka. Following assignments with the Canadian Government Expositions Centre and the National Museums of Canada, he joined the Department of External Affairs in 1974 and was Deputy Commissioner General for the Canadian participation at Expo '75, Okinawa. He has also been responsible for "Canadian Salutes to the 1976 U.S. Bicentennial" and the External Affairs' information exhibits and visiting journalists programmes.

In 1978 Mr. Powles was appointed General Manager of the department's World Exhibitions Programme and Canadian delegate to the International Bureau of Expositions, Paris. He will continue in his present position while carrying out the duties of Commissioner General for Canada at Energy Expo '82.