

Mr. Clark stressed that the success of the Jasper meeting underscored the growing ties between Canada and ASEAN in both the political and commercial spheres. He described the frank exchanges with his Foreign Minister colleagues on regional and international problems as "invaluable," particularly as they related to Asia-Pacific Security, Cambodia, the situation in the Gulf and future Canada-ASEAN relations in the economic field.

Mr. Clark also reiterated Canada's support for the democratically-elected government of President Aquino in the Philippines and the restoration of its authority in Northern Mindanao following the recent failed insurrection.

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