

officials from Saudi Arabia through business and industrial centres of Canada, give substance to our words of this evening. These events demonstrate that our two countries recognize each other as mature, worthy partners in the common pursuit of the well-being of our two peoples.

The visit of His Royal Highness and the meeting of the JEC mark further steps in the process of building ties between Canada and Saudi Arabia. They afford an opportunity to better our understanding of each other and to demonstrate that shared goals can be reached if we strive toward them together.

I ask you to join with me in honouring our distinguished guest, His Royal Highness Prince Saud Al Faisal Al Saud, as we look forward to years of cooperation and friendship between our two countries both bilaterally and in the international sphere.