

Target India 2001

Industrial Consultants of Etobicoke, in co-operation with the Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce, is organizing **Target India 2001**, a 15-day trade mission to India for export-ready small and medium-sized enterprises, February 9-23, 2001.

Participants in the environmental and waste management, mining (marble), construction, agro-industries and food-processing sectors will visit the states of Gujarat and Rajasthan. The mission would be of interest to manufacturers, exporters and importers in these sectors.

Participation is limited to 15 individuals. Activities include a one-day seminar on tax planning, bank financing, corporate structures and state

and central government laws, a meeting with the Minister and Secretary of State of the state government, and a meeting with the local Chamber of Commerce in each state capital. Participants will have opportunities to visit businesses in related industries, and meetings will be arranged with prequalified local partners. A detailed itinerary will be provided upon registration. As well, for French speakers interested in participating, local interpretation will be available.

Trade delegation members will also have an opportunity to visit **BUILD INDIA 2001** in Mumbai, which takes place from February 21-25, 2001. For information on this event, visit www.buildersindia-exhibitions.com

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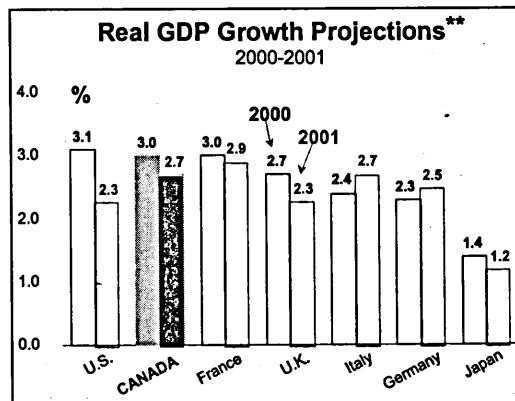
Economy and GDP are booming

- **Banner year in 1999:** Canadians celebrated eight straight years of economic growth as the GDP hit its highest peak of 4.5% since 1994.*
- **Growth to remain strong:** A private sector forecast points to a strong economy with a 3.2% growth rate in 2000-2001.†

The OECD projects Canada's growth to average 2.9 percent over the period 2000-2001 — second only to France among the G-7 countries.**

- **Budget surplus and largest debt reduction:** 1999 saw the federal government have its third consecutive budget surplus since 1951-52. The \$12.3 billion surplus was used to make the single largest ever paydown of the national debt.‡

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* Source: *Trade Update 2000: First Annual Report on Canada's State of Trade*, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, 2000 — <http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/eet/state-of-trade-e.asp>

† Source: *Consensus Forecasts* by Consensus Economics Inc. (U.K.)

‡ Source: Finance Canada — <http://www.fin.gc.ca/fin-eng.html>

** Source: *OECD Economic Outlook*, December 1999

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