

The leadership demonstrated by Indonesia since the adoption of the Bogor Declaration has been applauded around the Pacific and the world.

Your ongoing privatization program, recent economic reform measures, and the removal of impediments to increased trade and investment flows, are appreciated as visible demonstrations of Indonesia's commitment to ensure the success of APEC and its objectives.

I am pleased that, prior to the APEC meetings in Osaka, I shall have the opportunity to consult with senior Indonesian government and business leaders to hear their views on how we can work more closely to achieve these goals.

We must ensure that the "architecture" of APEC responds not only to the vision put forward by our leaders at Bogor but, at a very practical level, provides the foundation for business people such as yourselves - in Indonesia and in Canada - to respond effectively to the myriad new market opportunities available in Southeast Asia and North America.

Your Chamber of Commerce, as the bilateral business group that represents our growing economic partnership, is an important conduit for the elaboration of business views to political leaders in both countries regarding APEC and multilateral trade policy developments and how they impact on your activities.

I appreciate the opportunity to meet with you this morning, to share my perspectives on these issues that shape Canada and Indonesia's business environment and provide the basis for sustained growth in our bilateral relations.

I look forward to returning to Indonesia with Prime Minister Chrétien and Team Canada and to witnessing the signature of many of the business activities that so many of you are bringing forward.

See you in January!