



Message from the Prime Minister

When our government was elected in 1993, the impact of globalization was becoming ever more evident. Formulating a strategy to assure Canada's continued prosperity within this emerging reality was among our top priorities.

Team Canada is a centrepiece of our strategy. It was born of the conviction that promoting economic growth in Canada depended on a partnership between governments and the private sector. Since the first Team Canada in 1994, we have shown that Canada is a nation where everyone works together for our common success and that we are squarely committed to meeting the challenges of globalization.

The Team Canada formula has been a resounding success. The four missions it has been my privilege to lead have so far helped Canadian businesses conclude

more than 850 deals in 12 countries, worth an estimated \$24 billion. Deals that have translated into thousands of jobs in Canada, as well as close ties with people from the four corners of the globe.

And more success lies ahead for Team Canada. This fall a fifth mission will hit the road for Japan. Offering us another opportunity - at the dawn of a new century full of promise - to showcase Canadian know how and fortify Canada's place in the global economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jean Chrétien". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien
Prime Minister of Canada