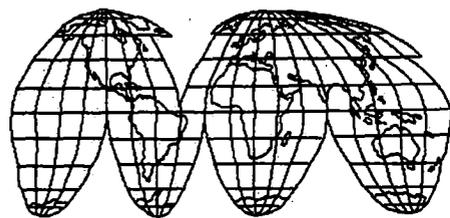


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MacLaren to Attend APEC Meeting and Promote Trade With China Indonesia and Viet Nam

November 2, 1994, no. 221

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, will promote trade and investment ties with China, Indonesia and Viet Nam from November 4 to 18 during a visit that supports and supplements Prime Minister Chrétien's Team Canada mission. Mr. MacLaren will accompany the Prime Minister and Canada's premiers to a variety of high-level meetings in Beijing from November 6 to 8. He will then hold separate discussions on November 9 in Beijing with Shi Dazhen, Minister of Power Industry, Wang Tao, President of the China National Petroleum Corporation, and other ministers. He will be accompanied by a delegation of Canadian business people. On November 10 in Jakarta, Mr. MacLaren will meet Hartarto Sastrosoenarto, Minister for Industry and Trade, to discuss the strong and growing Indonesia-Canada trade and investment relationship. Along with Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet, he will then attend, on November 11 and 12, the Sixth Ministerial Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation forum (APEC) which will be followed by the Summit of APEC Leaders. His visit to Indonesia will conclude November 13 following a speech to the Indonesian-Canadian business community. Mr. MacLaren will be leading a business delegation of 35 Canadian companies to Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi. He will open the Canada Trade Office in Ho Chi Minh City on November 15. This will follow his attendance at the Viet Nam Telecomp '94 Trade Show on November 14 and meetings with the foreign business community and senior officials of the Ministry of Transport and Communications. Mr. MacLaren and the business delegation will travel to Hanoi on November 16 and rejoin the Prime Minister there.

Government and Banks Working Towards Better Support for SME Exporters

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The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, released a report entitled *Servicing SME Exporters: Government and Banks Working Towards Better Support*. The report contains new measures to address the interests of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) relating to access to export financing and information. "This initiative is the result of an unprecedented consultation exercise with Canadian banks," Mr. MacLaren said. Banks have agreed to provide, through their extensive networks, information about help for exporters. They will also join forces with the Export Development Corporation (EDC) to provide enhanced support for SME exporters.

MacLaren Announces Network of Canadian Education Information Centres in Asia

November 1, 1994, no. 219

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, announced that the Government of Canada in partnership with the Asia-Pacific Foundation will establish a network of Canadian Education Information Centres in Asia over the next five years. The Centres will assist Canadian educational institutions to market their services to international students and strengthen their involvement in Asia. "Canada has many excellent education facilities of interest to international students. In 1991, they contributed approximately \$1.5 billion and 19 000 jobs to the Canadian economy. International fee-paying students also represent an important source of funding for many Canadian educational institutions. Training and skills development are critical elements in the new global economy. Initiatives such as the Canadian Education Information Centres Network will help Canadians to develop closer ties with future leaders of the region," said Mr. MacLaren.

MacLaren to Discuss Summit Agendas with Chilean Finance Minister Aninat

November 1, 1994, no. 218

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, announced today Chilean Finance Minister Eduardo Aninat will visit Canada November 2 and 3. Mr. MacLaren and Mr. Aninat will discuss the growing

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