

**E**very day the employees of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade strive to bring Canada to the world and the world to Canada. Whether based in Ottawa or thousands of kilometres away, we promote and defend the interests and values of Canadians.

## Our Activities

- Providing a wide range of services to Canadians who are travelling or living abroad: passports, advice, information, and assistance in the event of natural or other emergencies.
- Managing Canada's missions and delegations around the world.
- Helping Canadian businesses to promote and sell their goods and services in foreign markets.
- Encouraging the flow of investment and new technology into Canada.
- Managing Canada's political, economic and cultural relations with over 100 other countries.
- Promoting international human rights, peace and security through our relations with individual countries as well as through our membership in international organizations.
- Working with representatives of other countries to develop international laws and regulations.
- Ensuring that Canadian policies are consistent with our international obligations.
- Organizing official visits to Canada by heads of state, heads of government and ministers, and visits by the Governor General, Prime Minister and other ministers abroad.

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