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government's intention to create an Asia Pacific Foundation for the purpose of developing contacts and expanding mutual awareness between Canada and the countries across the Pacific. This vision has now become a reality. The Foundation has been established through unanimous consent of the Canadian Parliament, to be funded by the federal government, provincial governments and the private sector. With its offices in Vancouver, the Foundation will become the focal point of a broad range of activities aimed at strengthening commercial, developmental, cultural and educational cooperation across the Pacific.

Vancouver will also be the host city for EXPO 86, which I am informed will include an impressive ASEAN participation. This too will serve to symbolize Canada's growing relationship with Southeast Asia. Mr. Chairman, on this trip I have been deeply impressed by the dynamism of ASEAN as an institution and the vitality of its links with we "Dialogue" Partner countries. It is a great privilege and opportunity, as one of my very first acts as Minister for External Affairs, to participate in this event. The conference is a meeting of friends where issues are discussed constructively and frankly. I shall take back to Canada with me many ideas for further strengthening of the ties between your countries and mine. I look forward to returning to the region for next year's conference - provided of course that the June 30th date which Mr. Tolentino and I share is indeed as propitious as I hope and expect it to be.