

A Message from the Deputy Ministers

Welcome to the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

You are joining an organization with an important and distinctive role in the life of Canada. And, as you will find from your orientation session, it is also a department with many proud traditions.

As a staff, whether Canada-based or locally engaged, we could hardly be more diverse. We are from every region in Canada and more than 100 countries around the world. Our skills and expertise are as varied as our origins. We serve at the front lines in the management of Canada's international relations. It can be exciting and rewarding work. And, if we can judge from the high reputation Canada has earned in the world, it is work that we do well.

Each one of you has a contribution to make in helping Canada meet the challenges of an evolving world. We wish you every success.

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