

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced today that the Government has arranged to organize two tours of the Canadian Arctic this autumn for the Heads of Diplomatic Missions accredited to Canada.

The first tour will take place in the Western Arctic, from September 23-29. It is expected to include visits to Churchill, Whitehorse, Dawson, Miles Canyon, Inuvik, Tuktoyaktuk, Yellowknife, Norman Wells, Hay River and Fort Smith.

The second tour is scheduled for the Eastern Arctic for the period October 5-11. It will include visits to Frobisher Bay, Cape Dorset, Resolute Bay, Inuvik, Tuktoyaktuk, Yellowknife, Norman Wells, Hay River, Fort Smith and Churchill.

This is the first occasion on which the Government has organized a tour for foreign and Commonwealth Heads of Mission in Canada to see developments in the North. Twenty-five will be invited to take part on each trip. It is hoped that other tours to the Arctic can be arranged at a later date for those Heads of Mission who cannot be accommodated this autumn.