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GOVERNOR GENERAL TO REPRESENT CANADA AT THE ENTHRONEMENT OF THE EMPEROR OF JAPAN AND TO LEAD REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES AT THE COMMONWEALTH WAR CEMETERY IN YOKOHAMA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today that Governor General and Mrs. Hnatyshyn will represent Canada at the ceremonies surrounding the enthronement of Emperor Akihito of Japan on November 12 and 13 in Tokyo. Accompanied by a delegation of Canadian parliamentarians and veterans, the Governor General will also preside at the Remembrance Day observances on November 11 at the Hodogaya Commonwealth War Cemetery in Yokohama.

The enthronement of the Emperor is of great significance to the people of Japan. The ceremonies commemorating this event will provide an opportunity for Canada and the other leading democracies to celebrate with the Japanese people the achievements of democratic Japan since 1945. The Governor General and Mrs. Hnatyshyn will extend the best wishes of all Canadians to the people of Japan on this occasion. More than 70 heads of state and government and some 90 dignitaries from other countries will be present for the enthronement events.

The Remembrance Day ceremonies at the Commonwealth War Memorial in Yokohama are organized each year by a different Commonwealth country, and this year Canada is presiding over the observances. The Governor General and Mrs. Hnatyshyn, accompanied by a delegation of Canadian parliamentarians and veterans, will attend the commemorative service before the Cross of Sacrifice in

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the Hodogaya Commonwealth Cemetery, and will lead the service in the section of the cemetery where members of the Canadian Armed Forces are buried.

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