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AROUND THE WORLD, CANADIANS SHARE CANADA DAY SPIRIT

Canadians around the world will be observing our country's 125th birthday in original and thoughtful ways.

"Canadians abroad will join their fellow citizens at home in sharing the spirit of Canada Day and demonstrating Canadian goodwill around the world on this special birthday," noted the Honourable Barbara McDougall, Secretary of State for External Affairs.

In Kingston, Jamaica, the Canadian High Commission, Canadian non-governmental organizations, private firms and Canadian volunteers will be helping 37 Jamaican children housed in "Walker's Place of Safety," a shelter for victims of parental abuse. Plans include activities for the children, as well as renovations to the shelter. Donations of cash, clothing, toys, school supplies and other essential items have come from members of the Canadian diplomatic community and its locally engaged staff.

At Expo 92 in Seville, Spain, the Canada Pavilion has adopted a disadvantaged Seville school. Children from the school will join in Canada Day celebrations with Mrs. McDougall, who will be attending the special ceremonies at Expo 92 on July 1. The Canada Pavilion is also working closely with the school on fundraising projects.

The Canadian High Commission in Harare, Zimbabwe is making a donation to drought relief in that country on behalf of the Canadian community. In Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, the High Commission recently staged a special welcome for Vietnamese refugees on a flight en route to Canada.

The Minister indicated that these are only a few examples of initiatives taken by our diplomatic corps to observe Canada's 125th anniversary.

A list of selected activities is attached.

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SELECTED CANADA DAY ACTIVITIES AT CANADIAN MISSIONS OVERSEAS

The following list is a selection of Canada Day activities at Canadian missions abroad.

Amman, Jordan

Canadian environmental concerns will be the focus at a tree-planting ceremony by Canadian Embassy staff.

Bangkok, Thailand

Family-oriented activities will be the focus of Canada Day celebrations, including children's games, tennis and volleyball tournaments, a barbecue, entertainment and dancing.

Berlin, Germany

The first ever Canada Day celebration in Berlin will include a reception with local dignitaries and friends of Canada.

Bonn, Germany

3 000 frisbees will be distributed to children, including youngsters at a children's hospital.

Boston, U.S.A.

As part of the "Canada Salutes Harborfest" program, a four- by six-foot birthday cake will be presented at the opening ceremonies of the Boston Harborfest and a reception will be held aboard two Canadian Naval Reserve ships.

Bridgetown, Barbados

A family-oriented Canada Day will be held on the grounds of the High Commissioner's residence with games, crafts, a barbecue and Canadian music. Guests have been asked to wear white and red.

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Embassy representatives will be celebrating Canada Day with a local Canadian school in Montevideo.

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Celebrations include a commemorative ceremony hosted by President Mwinyi, marking the 30th year of Canadian representation in Tanzania.

Dublin, Ireland

The Canadian Ambassador to Ireland will present a collection of books to four Irish universities. Mission officers will also visit the graves of Canada's war dead in Dublin.

Guatemala City, Guatemala

A "Calgary Stampede Breakfast" will highlight celebrations for Canada's 125th birthday.

Harare, Zimbabwe

Canada Day celebrations will include Canada's High Commissioner to Zimbabwe making a donation to drought relief on behalf of the Canadian community in Zimbabwe.

Hong Kong

A recent regatta, organized by the Chinese Canadian Association, included a sail through Victoria Harbour by the Canadian flotilla. Canada Day celebrations will also include a barbecue with a menu of B.C. smoked salmon, wine from Ontario, Albertan steaks, Manitoban wild rice, and ice cream with maple syrup from Quebec.

Kingston, Jamaica

The Canadian High Commission will help children at "Walker's Place of Safety," a shelter for victims of abuse. Canada Day volunteers will be repairing the building, painting the living quarters and furniture, supplying meals and organizing activities for the children.

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

As part of its activities surrounding Canada's 125th birthday, the Canadian High Commission recently welcomed a flight of 12 Vietnamese refugees en route to Canada. Profits from a Canada Day dinner/dance will be donated to a local charity.

London, U.K.

Canada Day festivities in London include raising a totem pole in Bushy Park at a dedication ceremony for a permanent Canadian garden within the park.

Mexico City, Mexico

Canada is the focus country at the "Gran Festival de la Ciudad de Mexico" a two-week event beginning July 3. Canadian dance and theatrical groups will perform, and exhibitions of art by Canadian artists working in Mexico will be held.

Osaka, Japan

Birthday celebrations entitled "Canada Days in the Kansai" span the month of July, and include seminars, symposiums and food fairs sponsored by various Canadian organizations.

Paris, France

All Canadians living in France will be invited to the 125th anniversary celebrations.

San Francisco, U.S.A.

The alumni associations of Queen's and McGill Universities are holding a Canada Day picnic and football game near Stanford University in honour of Canada's 125th anniversary.

Sao Paulo, Brazil

The City of Toronto Park in Sao Paulo will be inaugurated in a ceremony hosted by the Canadian Ambassador.

Seoul, Korea

Family-oriented activities include singing "O Canada," a Canada cake, children's games and a barbecue. Canada Day supplements are expected to appear in local newspapers.

Seville, Spain

Disadvantaged children from a local school will join the Secretary of State for External Affairs in Canada Day celebrations at the Canada Pavilion at Expo 92.

Washington D.C., U.S.A.

A noon-hour barbecue on the Embassy rooftop with the Ambassador as chief chef will highlight Canadian activities in Washington. Food has been donated by local Canadian businesses, and music will be provided by Buddy Macdonald and John Ferguson from Cape Breton.