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MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE ANNOUNCES MARKETPLACE 86

The Honourable James Kelleher, Minister for International Trade, today announced a significant partnership between the Department of External Affairs and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Marketplace 86, a major exercise to stimulate export trade.

External Affairs will bring more than 100 Trade Commissioners in from their foreign posts for one-on-one interviews with local business people interested in initiating or expanding their exports abroad. Chambers of Commerce and Boards of Trade in towns and cities from coast to coast will arrange the Marketplace events in their locales.

"This is the kind of cooperative venture which gets the most current and specific information about export opportunities into the hands of our business people in a dynamic, efficient manner", Minister Kelleher said.

"Marketplace 86 clearly reflects our commitment to building our export markets around the world."

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Starting February 17, in Vancouver and Halifax, teams of Trade Commissioners from 43 posts in Canada's priority markets will start a series of visits to 35 cities. The first wave involving 30 centres will be completed March 7. A succeeding five visits will be carried out in April.

Marketplace 86 is an expanded version of the first Marketplace held in 1985 which attracted 3,000 interested Canadian businesses. More than 5,700 interviews were conducted, and 1,850 of these were with potential or new exporters.

"Clearly this kind of practical, one-on-one consultation gets results", the Minister said. "There are many smaller businesses that simply cannot afford to travel to all their potential new markets. We're bringing their foreign market experts to them."

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Marketplace 86 will be held on the dates and locations shown below.

DATES	EASTERN	CENTRAL	WESTERN
Monday, Feb. 17	Halifax, Sheraton Halifax		Vancouver, Hotel Vancouver
Tuesday, Feb. 18	Moncton, Keddy's Brunswick Hotel Sydney, Keddy's Motor Inn		Vancouver, Hotel Vancouver
Wednesday, Feb. 19	Saint John, Delta Brunswick Yarmouth, Rodd's Grand Hotel		Victoria, Empress Hotel
Thursday, Feb. 20	St. John's, Hotel Newfoundland		Kelowna, Capri Hotel
Friday, Feb. 21	St. John's, Hotel Newfoundland Charlottetown, Sheraton Prince Edward		
Monday, Feb. 24		Montreal, Queen Elizabeth Hotel	Lethbridge, Sandman Inn
Tuesday, Feb. 25		Montreal, Queen Elizabeth Hotel	Stony Plain, Stony Motor Inn
Wednesday, Feb. 26		Quebec City, Loews le Concorde Kitchener, Waterloo Inn	Edmonton, Terrace Inn
Thursday, Feb. 27		Drummondville, Hötellerie le Dauphin London, Hotiday inn	Calgary, Calgary Convention Centre
Friday, Feb. 28		Kingston, Howard Johnson's Hotel Cambridge, Holiday Inn	Calgary, Calgary Convention Centre
Monday, Mar. 3		Toronto, Holiday inn Airport	Saskatoon, Bessborough Hotel
Tuesday, Mar. 4		Toronto, Holiday Inn Airport	Winnipeg, Winnipeg Convention Centre
Wednesday, Mar. 5		Toronto, Holiday Inn Airport Thunder Bay, Holiday Inn	pagy managed solliver solling
Thursday, Mar. 6		Brantford, Brantford District Civic Centre Peterborough, Rock Haven Motor Hotel Sudbury, Holiday Inn	
Friday, Mar. 7		Hamilton, Holiday Inn St. Catharines, Parkway Inn	



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EXPORT MARKETS

This is the list of export markets which will be covered by trade commissioners during EXPORT MARKETPLACE 86.

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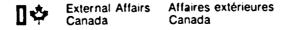
- Contact the Chamber of Commerce or Board of Trade in the city of the
- Information on Marketplace 86 is also available from the Department of External Affairs. Toll free number: 1-800-267-8376.



MARKETPLACE 86 - CARREFOUR 86

FACTS: EXPORT MARKETPLACE 86

- Marketplace 86 brings to Canadian business people the most current, specific, relevant information available about export markets around the world.
- o It is an initiative of the Department of External Affairs in partnership with the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and in cooperation with the Department of Regional Industrial Expansion.
- o The first series of thirty visits is being held between. February 17 and March 7, 1986, with a second wave of five visits being held in April.
- o It begins in Halifax and Vancouver simultaneously as two teams of Trade Commissioners begin their cross-country visits to 35 towns and cities, double the number of medium and small communities as in Marketplace 85.
- o More than 100 Trade Commissioners from 43 foreign posts will represent priority markets:
 - 43 from the United States;
 - 32 from Asia/Pacific;
 - 19 from Europe;
 - 11 from Caribbean/Latin America;
 - 10 from Africa/Middle East.
- There is a potential for approximately 10,000 interviews during the 4-week event.
- o In addition to interviews with Trade Commissioners, companies will have the opportunity to gain information from other trade specialists from DRIE regional offices, the Export Development Corporation, the Canadian International Development Agency, and the provinces.



- o A second series of Marketplace 86 sessions will be held in early April in the following centres: in Quebec Chicoutimi, Rimouski, and Sherbrooke; in Ontario, North Bay and Sault Ste Marie.
- o Canada's two-way trade with the world amounted to \$200 billion in 1984. Of that amount, \$150 billion was with the U.S.; \$15 billion with Europe; and \$10 billion with Japan.
- o 78% of our current exports go to the U.S.; 10% to Asia/Pacific; and 7% to Western Europe.

EXPORT MARKETPLACE 85: HISTORY

- o More than 3,000 companies took part.
- o Interviews were held in 18 locations.
- o 5,700 interviews were conducted.
- o 1,850 of the interviews were with potential or new exporters.
- Companies made 4,300 requests for follow-up.
- Highest attendance relating to export market interest was registered for Pacific/Asia.
- Highest attendance by sector were consulting services, electronics, energy/environmental equipment and textiles.