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## GOVERNOR GENERAL TO VISIT HONG KONG

His Excellency the Right Honourable Ramon John Hnatyshyn, Governor General and Commander in Chief of Canada, will pay an official visit to Hong Kong from April 29 to May 2, 1994. The Governor General will be accompanied by the Honourable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, and a delegation representing some of Canada's leading agri-food industries.

Hong Kong has become a major source of Canadian immigration and investment in recent years. The Governor General's visit highlights the value Canada places upon the dynamic Hong Kong market, and underlines Canada's support for Hong Kong during the period of transition leading to 1997. The Government of Canada is committed to helping ensure Hong Kong's long-term stability and prosperity.

While in Hong Kong, the Governor General will meet with His Excellency Christopher Patten to discuss issues of mutual concern and recent developments in the region. The Governor General will speak at a luncheon with members of the Legislative Council and address a major conference on trade and investment relations among Canada, China and Hong Kong. His Excellency will also lay a wreath in memory of the Canadians who died in defence of Hong Kong during the Second World War. In addition, the Governor General will attend special functions with the Chinese-Canadian Association in recognition of the strong personal relationships that bind Hong Kong and Canada. A summary of the Governor General's program is attached.

The Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food's program will include bilateral meetings with his government counterparts, industry leaders and private business people. The Minister will promote awareness of Canada's capacity as a supplier of high-quality agri-food products, as well as Canadian advances in food-processing, food-handling and marketing abilities. He and

members of the agricultural delegation will pursue the development of joint opportunities between Canada and Hong Kong in the Asia-Pacific region.

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# VISIT TO HONG KONG, APRIL 29- MAY 2, 1994

## Program Highlights

### Friday, April 29

- 10:45 a.m. Arrival at Kai Tak Airport, Hong Kong.
- 12:30 p.m. Luncheon address to the Legislative Council of Hong Kong.
- 3:30 p.m. Meeting with His Excellency Christopher Patten, Governor of Hong Kong, at Government House.
- 7:30 p.m. Address to the Chinese-Canadian Association and the Canadian Alumni Associations, at the Parkview Hotel.

### Saturday, April 30

Private time.

### Sunday, May 1

- 9:10 a.m. Presentation to Lt. Commander Lore at Government House.
- 10:00 a.m. Wreath-laying ceremony at Saiwan Military Cemetery.
- 12:10 p.m. "Great Canadian Picnic" with 600 members of the Canadian-Chinese community at Stanley Fort.
- 8:30 p.m. Dinner hosted by Governor and Mrs. Patten at Government House.

### Monday, May 2

- 12:30 p.m. Keynote luncheon address to the Canada-Hong Kong-China Investment Week Conference, Grand Hyatt Hotel.
- 2:20 p.m. Depart for Kai Tak Airport.