

2016 Canada-ASEAN Business Forum Features Eminent Speakers from Canada and ASEAN

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This year, the Canada-ASEAN Business Forum (CABF) will explore partnership opportunities for Canada and ASEAN businesses in key sectors. The two-day Forum will be held on September 7-8 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The Forum features an impressive speaker lineup that includes the Honourable Jean Charest, former premier of Québec and partner at McCarthy Tétrault, Marie-Louise Hannan, Ambassador of Canada to ASEAN, and Sandiaga Uno, Founder of Saratoga Investama Sedaya.

In addition, the forum will include sessions on key sectors such as technology, infrastructure, financial services and agribusiness. It is also an excellent venue for exchanges on the benefits of a [Canada-ASEAN Free Trade Agreement](#), and other opportunities for strengthened trade between Canada and ASEAN.

One of the highlights of this year's Forum will be the release of the 2nd Canada-ASEAN Business Survey, developed in cooperation with the ASEAN Canadian Chambers, the University of British Columbia and the Asia Pacific Foundation.

This is the third CABF, and the largest to date, bringing together over 250 business leaders and senior government officials from Canada and Southeast Asia.

View the full program here:

Background Information: Canada-ASEAN Trade

Canada and ASEAN can build on strong economic relations. In fact, ASEAN is Canada's 6th largest trading partner globally.

Canada's trade and investment in Southeast Asia is expanding quickly – not only is trade and investment between Canada and ASEAN member states increasing in volume, but the breadth of the trading relationship is growing in many sectors, including oil and gas, mining, high tech, telecommunications, agri-food, financial services, aviation and consumer goods.

In 2015, two-way merchandise trade grew significantly, up 13.8 per cent to CAD \$21.4 billion.



Background Information: About the Canada-ASEAN Business Council

Founded in 2012 at the first ASEAN-Canada Economic Ministers Meeting in Cambodia, the Canada-ASEAN Business Council (CABC) supports Canadians doing business in ASEAN. It is the preeminent Canadian organization with an ASEAN region-wide mandate to promote trade and increase trade relations between Canadian and ASEAN businesses.

CABC provides high-level networking opportunities, region-specific market intelligence and research, and targeted events to help its members grow their business in ASEAN.

The CABC organizes the Canada-ASEAN Business Forum in line with its mandate to promote and increase trade relations between Canada and ASEAN and to help members build business opportunities in the region.

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