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Obhrai joins Minister Emerson at Canada-India Business Roundtable

(Ottawa) Deepak Obhrai, M.P. and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, participated in a Canada-India Business Roundtable hosted by the Honourable David L. Emerson, Minister of International Trade, in Toronto.

The Roundtable explored ways of strengthening commerce between the two countries. India is rapidly becoming a world economic power and is a priority market for Canada.

“Although Canada-India bilateral trade has reached record levels, there is still significant room for growth in our commercial relations,” said Minister Emerson. “New bilateral agreements on science and technology and air travel are laying the foundation required to bring trade ties to a new level.”

The Minister noted that Canada is in the process of negotiating a foreign investment promotion and protection agreement with India that should further stimulate Canadian participation in India’s rapid development.

He also thanked the Canada-India Business Council and the Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce for continuing to foster closer economic ties between both countries in many ways, including assisting in the organization of the roundtable.

Canada-India bilateral trade reached \$2.9 billion in 2005. Canada exported \$1.08 billion in goods to India, much of which was concentrated in paper products, vegetable products, machinery and chemicals.

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