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Parliamentary Secretary Deepak Obhrai to discuss democratic development with Mongolia; reinforce Canada-Japan friendship; and strengthen bilateral relations with the Philippines in upcoming tour

(Ottawa) On January 13, 2012, Deepak Obhrai, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, will be visiting several key partners in Asia to promote and expand Canada's interests abroad.

Mr. Obhrai will seek to nurture Canada's bilateral relationship with Mongolia, a country that contributes to Canada's prosperity and has publicly expressed its desire to emulate Canada. Following the Mongolian Prime Minister's visit to Canada in September 2010, Canada has developed a long-term engagement strategy and PS Obhrai's visit will highlight the breadth of the Canada-Mongolia relationship. In particular, PS Obhrai will discuss issues of economic and democratic development.

In Japan, PS Obhrai will discuss with his counterpart the progress on a range of common bilateral objectives, and strengthen the friendship and understanding between Canada and Japan.

Following his visit to Japan, PS Obhrai will make a stop in the Philippines to discuss issues of good governance and economic development with his counterparts in the Filipino government. Moreover, his visit will coincide with the 35th anniversary of Canada-ASEAN relations, a group in which the Philippines is a member. Furthermore, PS Obhrai will take this opportunity to raise the issue of human rights. Canada values its strong relationship with the Philippines and looks forward to further nurturing this relationship.

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