



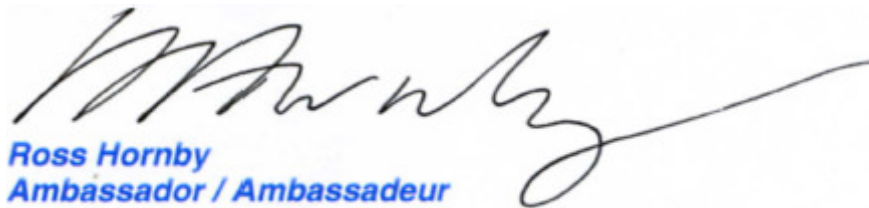
Canada-EU Study Tour

As Canada's Ambassador to the European Union I am pleased to support the 7th annual European Union Study Tour and Internship Programme which has to date allowed over 300 Canadian University Students to gain first hand experience into the workings of the European Union.

This program is already beginning to have a visible impact on Canadian society as young people who have gained knowledge of Europe are helping Canadian efforts to adapt and remain competitive in a globalised world. This is of particular importance as the Canada - EU relationship continues to gain momentum particularly through the launch of negotiations for a comprehensive economic and trade agreement.

The European Union, aside from being one of Canada's major political and economic partners, is a unique learning ground where 27 member states are reinventing the institutional arrangements which define them individually and collectively to meet 21st century challenges.

Continuing in this spirit of cooperation, I welcome the proposed EU - Canada study tour, inviting European students to learn first hand about Canada. This will allow Europeans the opportunity to participate in current policy debates that will influence tomorrow's political agendas in Canada and contribute to the enhancement of Canada - EU relations.



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