

CANSEC 2017 Day 2 Luncheon

Closing Remarks

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Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, honoured guests, distinguished members of the Canadian Armed Forces and foreign military friends. Thank you for making CANSEC 2017, Canada's global defence and security trade show, another resounding success on this, our twentieth anniversary.

The show floor has been impressive as usual--loaded with some of the most innovative defence products and services on offer anywhere in the world.

Je suis certaine que vous avez pleinement tiré parti des occasions de réseautage de premier choix offertes par CANSEC. Et il ne fait aucun doute que plusieurs affaires ont été discutées, des partenariats se sont créés et des relations se sont renforcées.

Over the past two days we've had important speeches from the Minister of National Defence, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Services and Procurement, the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, the Acting Vice-Chief of Defence Staff, and General Keith Alexander (Ret.).

But before I close our final meal of this year's CANSEC, and you head back onto the trade show floor, there are two messages I wanted to leave you with.

Comme vous le savez tous, chaque entreprise dépend des données exactes et actuelles pour réussir dans le marché. Le même principe s'applique à la prise de décisions pour le gouvernement.

The Government's main source of information on our industry comes from Canada's Defence, Aerospace and Commercial and Marine Sector Survey, the most recent report resulting from this survey was released last year at CANSEC. Tous les deux ans, Statistique Canada mène une enquête sur les entreprises de notre secteur pour le compte d'Innovation, Sciences et Développement économique Canada. L'AICDS est directement impliquée dans la prestation de conseils au gouvernement sur la conception de cette enquête.

Every company in our industry will have received the latest version of this survey some weeks ago. I cannot stress to you how important it is to complete it. The information collected in the survey is critical in informing government program and policy design that affects our industry directly and daily, including the obligations under Industrial and Technological Benefits, and Value Propositions on specific defence procurements.

So if your firm hasn't already completed and submitted this year's Defence, Aerospace and Commercial and

Marine Sector Survey, please make every effort to do so in the coming days. And if for some reason you haven't received the survey, please let us know at CADSI and we will ensure it is sent to you immediately from Statistics Canada.

Later this year the government will release the results of its Defence Policy Review. Some of you have been involved in the consultation process on this.

In addition to anticipating seeing a "hard" connection between the Defence Review and the Innovation Agenda, and an acknowledgement of the role the defence industrial base plays as a supporting arm of the Canadian Armed Forces, we also expect Canada's new defence policy to place a greater emphasis on cyber defence, given the ever increasing cyber threats to our national security, our economic and business interests, and personal privacy and security. Fortunately, Canada has some world leading companies and technologies in cyber defence and security, many of which are in this room today.

CADSI has started work on a program for cyber defence. We will work to inform and promote to the Government of Canada this country's leading edge cyber industrial capabilities. Nous sommes heureux de voir qu'il y a de l'intérêt pour établir et mieux comprendre la capacité en résidence à mesure que le gouvernement fait avancer les programmes du Canada en matière de cybersécurité et d'innovation. Restez branchés pour obtenir plus de renseignements de l'AICDS à ce sujet très bientôt.

Before I conclude, I would like to take a moment to recognize Michael Crockatt, the President and CEO of Ottawa Tourism who has joined us here for lunch today. In recognition of the contribution CANSEC brings to the city of Ottawa and its local economy, Ottawa Tourism and CADSI have created a partnership to enhance CANSEC 2017 - 2020, some aspects of which you have seen over the last two days. Nous sommes très fiers d'avoir le soutien de Tourisme Ottawa et de ses partenaires clés de l'industrie. And we thank you, Michael, for your leadership in this regard.

Finally, and while I am doing my thanking, I would again like to thank our sponsors, without whose generous support this would not be possible. Thank you to our Platinum sponsor, CAE, and our Gold sponsors, Canadian Commercial Corporation, PAL Aerospace and Lockheed Martin, who also sponsored the Evening Networking Reception, as well as our lunch sponsors Airbus and L3 Technologies and our lunch reception sponsor KPMG.

I look forward to seeing all of you again next year at CANSEC 2018. Profitez bien du salon.