

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE MINISTER MARCHI OPENS
CANADIAN EDUCATION CENTRES
IN ARGENTINA AND CHILE**

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International Trade Minister Sergio Marchi inaugurated a Canadian Education Centre (CEC) in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on January 20, and another in Santiago, Chile, earlier today. There are now four such Centres that Canada has opened in Latin America since the start of the Team Canada mission, making a total of 14 worldwide.

"Interest in the education sector on this Team Canada mission is unprecedented," said Minister Marchi. "There are 52 education and training service providers on this mission -- a clear indication of the growing interest in developing long-term partnerships in the region."

The opening of the two CECs follows the signing of Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) on Education Co-operation with Argentina and Chile.

The CECs will provide a full range of services to Canadian public and private educational institutions, including marketing their programs and securing corporate and group training contracts.

The CEC Network is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Asia-Pacific Foundation of Canada, with Centres in South Korea, Taiwan,

Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, India, Singapore, Australia, China, Mexico, and Brazil.

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