

## PM announces conclusion of free trade negotiations with Honduras

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San Pedro Sula, Honduras



Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the President of Honduras, Porfirio Lobo, today announced the conclusion of negotiations toward a Canada-Honduras free trade agreement. The announcement was made during an official visit to Honduras by Prime Minister Harper.

“Our Government received a strong mandate to implement our ambitious job-creating free trade plan that will benefit Canadians,” said Prime Minister Harper. “A free trade agreement with Honduras is a key part of our Government’s agenda to open new markets for Canadian businesses, create new opportunities for our workers and contribute to Canada’s future prosperity.”

A free trade agreement with Honduras will benefit Canadian workers and businesses in regions across the country and in many sectors of the Canadian economy, including agriculture, professional services, value added food processing and manufacturing, as well as commodity- and resource-based industries.

The Canada-Honduras Free Trade Agreement, including strong parallel agreements on labour standards and practices, and environmental protection, will come into force once both countries complete their domestic ratification processes.

Since 2006, Canada has launched an ambitious free trade plan, increasing opportunities for

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