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June 26, 2013 - The Honourable Ed Fast, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway, today marked the conclusion of the eighth round of negotiations toward a Canada-India comprehensive economic partnership agreement. Negotiations took place in Ottawa on June 24 and 25, 2013.

"India continues to be a priority market for Canada, and that's why our government is working hard to conclude an agreement that would create jobs and new opportunities for Canadian workers and businesses," said Minister Fast. "I am pleased to announce that progress continues to be made and that both sides remain committed to strengthening the Canada-India trade and investment relationship."

Negotiations focused on goods and services. Canada has identified core economic opportunities in India in the energy, agriculture, infrastructure and education sectors.

Since 2006, Canada has concluded new free trade agreements with nine countries and begun deepening trade and investment ties with the largest, most dynamic and fastest-growing markets in the world, including the EU, India and Japan.

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