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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

The Honourable Art Eggleton, PC, MP

As Minister of National Defence, it gives me great pride and pleasure to welcome readers to this first issue of *Canadian Military Journal / Revue militaire canadienne*. It is my hope that this journal will contribute in a significant way to informed discussion of security and defence issues in Canada, and thus aid in the development of sound indigenous strategic thought and in the formulation of defence policies for the future that are appropriate to the ever-changing global environment in which we live.

The first priority of *Canadian Military Journal* is, of course, to serve as the professional journal of the Canadian Forces and the Department of National Defence, where it will contribute to the professional education and development of members of the Forces and our public servants. We have much to learn from each other, and everyone in the Department will benefit from sharing innovative ideas and best practices. I encourage members of the Forces and Departmental staff to participate, by reading and debating what others have to say, and by writing articles that will stimulate original and innovative thinking about the challenges confronting the military profession at the beginning of the new millenium.

The *Journal* will, however, have a far larger following. It is also intended to serve as a forum for the

Canadian academic community who have a special interest in security and defence matters. I am pleased to see the Security and Defence Forum community represented on the Editorial Advisory Board and articles from some of their members in this first edition.

There is, as well, an even broader purpose for the *Journal*: to better inform the Canadian public about defence issues in general, and about developments within the Department of National Defence and the Canadian Forces. Public access will be readily available on the *Journal's* web site, as each edition will be published electronically at the same time as the print version is released. This will, I am sure, bring about a better understanding by members of the public of how their fundamental interests are being served by Government spending on the maintenance of capable and effective armed forces and on Canadian commitments to global peace and security.

I wish great success and prosperity to *Canadian Military Journal*, and I look forward to reading future issues.

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