



The Embassy organized a number of successful meetings, including the Fisheries Council of Canada (representing more than 120 fishing companies), and separate agreements on business cooperation were reached with more than 10 of these companies.

The possibility of Ukraine importing the kinds of fish which are in surplus in Canada, such as silver and pacific hake, was discussed, as was the question of cooperation in the field of fish processing, preservation and sale.

Additional Embassy activities:

- At the invitation of Premier Roy Romanow of Saskatchewan, Ukraine's Ambassador to Canada, Mr. V. Furkalo, visited the province of Saskatchewan from May 26-28, meeting members of the government, business representatives, as well as members of the Ukrainian community. The trip was an excellent opportunity to examine the possibilities for strengthening ties between Saskatchewan and Ukraine. The ambassador was accompanied by his economic advisor, Mykhaylo Tytarenko.
- From June 11 to 13, officers from the Ukrainian companies "Derzhkomnaftohaz" and "Derzhkomheolohia" attended the "National Petroleum Show 1996" in Calgary, Alberta.
- On June 17, a business seminar on the topic "Canada-Ukraine Agri-Food Cooperation" took place in the House of Commons in Ottawa. Canadian participants included representatives of both government and business, and had an opportunity to meet with representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture of Ukraine, as well as the Embassy of Ukraine.
- Representatives of the agricultural sector of Ukraine participated in the "International Agri-show" in Regina, Saskatchewan, from June 19-23.



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Civil Defence counterparts. L-r: Ukraine's LGen Grechaninov; Colonel Mykola Rizun, Military Attache, Ukrainian Embassy; Mike Braham, Director Emergency Programs & Exercises, EPC; Marina Shevchenko, Interpreter; Major Sergiy Khomchenko, Civil Defence Department.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- North Atlantic Council (NAC), Partnership Work Program within NATO's strategic concept and to exchange relevant information from the region: Regional Civil Emergency Planning/Civil-Military Cooperation course in Kyiv, June 10-14, 1996,
- NAC Civil Protection Committee meeting, which is chaired by Canada, and CPC Symposium in Lviv, Sept 18-20, 1996.

Chief of Ukraine's Civil Defence Visits Canada

Lieutenant General Viktor Grechaninov, Chief of the Civil Defence Department of Ukraine (CDDU) visited Canada during the week of May 4-11 at the invitation of Dr. Eric Shipley, Executive Director of Emergency Preparedness Canada (EPC). The visit was carried out under the auspices of a Memorandum of Understanding between EPC and the CDDU to exchange information on emergency preparedness matters.

During his visit, General Grechaninov was exposed to a cross section of emergency preparedness in Canada at three levels of government. He visited Emergency Preparedness Canada Headquarters and Transport Canada Headquarters in Ottawa and the Canadian Emergency Preparedness College in Amrrior, Ontario. During his time in Ottawa he also visited the Ottawa-Carleton Regional 911 Coordination Centre and the Regional Hazardous Materials Response Unit.

In a brief stop in Toronto, he toured the Darlington Nuclear Generating Station and met with officials of Emergency Measures Ontario.

His visit coincided with the inauguration of the first Emergency Preparedness Week in Canada and afforded him an opportunity to meet with the Minister Responsible for Emergency Preparedness, the Honourable David Collenette. He also made a short appearance before the Parliamentary Committee on National Defence and Veterans Affairs to answer questions on civil defence in Ukraine.



Following nearly four years in Ottawa, Andriy Vesselovsky (l), Minister-Counsellor at Ukraine's Embassy in Canada, is departing for Kyiv. As one of the first to assume a position in the then-new Embassy in Ottawa, he served with all three Ambassadors, and has provided continuity at this diplomatic mission. Pictured in photo are his wife Maryna and daughter Hanusia at the Ottawa community farewell. The staff of the MONITOR wish Mr. Vesselovsky and his family all the best.