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As Governor General of Canada, I am delighted to send my best wishes to the readers of the *Canada-Ukraine Monitor*.

President Leonid Kuchma's recent visit to Canada was a poignant reminder of the many strong links that exist between Ukraine and Canada. One century ago, the first Ukrainians ventured from the birthplace of their parents and grandparents in search of greater promise for their children and grandchildren. They arrived in Canada with little more than courageous hope and tremendous determination to build the foundation for the great achievements of Ukrainian Canadians. It was their dream that Canada would offer freedom, opportunity and prosperity to both them and the many Ukrainian settlers who would follow in their footsteps. A century later, we can attest to the industriousness and foresight that their dream inspired as we witness the fulfilment of so many of their aspirations in Canada.

In the past few years, we have seen the rebirth of this dream among the people of Ukraine. Certainly, those of us who have followed the political and social events of Eastern Europe have rejoiced as the seeds of democracy and freedom, so long dormant but assuredly alive, have taken root and blossomed in Ukraine. Undeniably, as it struggles to master its political, economic and social institutions and ensure equality and opportunity for its citizens, Canadians of all heritages stand ready to applaud and support Ukraine's progress.

I was honoured to meet with President Kuchma during his state visit and I have no doubt that the bonds between Ukraine and Canada will flourish in the years to come. While the challenges that Ukraine faces are enormous, I am confident that its citizens will ultimately realize their vision of a brighter future,

Ramon John Hnatyshyn

I am delighted to convey my warmest greetings to the readers of the special journal published by the *Ukraine-Canada Policy and Trade Centre* to commemorate President's Kuchma's visit to Canada.

The Centre has served the business community with distinction and has played an important role not only in providing information on trade opportunities, but also in fostering vital links between Ukraine and Canada. This commemorative magazine, which offers highlights of President Kuchma's tour, will undoubtedly be a valued record of a historic occasion.

I would like to congratulate all those whose efforts have led to the publication of this fine journal. Please accept my best wishes for continued success in meeting the challenges of the future.

Jean Chrétien
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