

# SASKATOON

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*The President of Ukraine could not bypass a Canadian province whose Premier was himself Ukrainian, so it was easy for Premier Roy Romanow to persuade the Ukrainian delegation to make a brief stop-over in Saskatoon.*

*While in Saskatoon, President Kuchma and his delegation met with representatives of Saskatchewan's Ukrainian business and cultural community and with Premier Roy Romanow, Economic Development Minister Dwain Lingenfelter, Health Minister Louise Simard, and Energy and Mines Minister Doug Anguish.*

*"Saskatchewan, with our similar resource and agriculture base and with the ties of our own Ukrainian community, has an important and unique role to play in helping address the needs of Ukraine," Romanow said. "Saskatchewan has technologies and expertise in sectors such as agriculture, energy, health care which are uniquely suited to the needs of Ukraine."*

*In addition to assisting Ukraine in the shift to a market-based agriculture economy, Romanow identified the following as potential areas of co-operation: providing a) technical assistance and training in the use of oil field technology and reform of the Ukrainian energy regulatory structure, b) expertise in the area of fibre optics and energy conservation, c) advice on planning and policy development in community-based health care.*

*Premier Romanow credited many of the business initiatives discussed with President Kuchma to the work of the community-based Advisory Committee on Saskatchewan-Ukraine Relations which was established in 1993.*



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Premier Roy Romanow presents a gift from the people of Saskatchewan to President and Mrs. Kuchma. The exquisite "Glass Wheat Sculpture" was crafted by J. Berting of Cupar, Saskatchewan.