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Competition, Regulation, and Productivity in Canada

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On behalf of the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, I would like to congratulate you on the occasion of your Third Annual Engineering Conference and the Engineering Skills Project Launch.

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As new opportunities arise for Ontario to compete in the global economy, we will no doubt continue to benefit from CAPE's efforts. Please accept my best wishes for a successful conference and project launch.

Sincerely,

John Milloy
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GURMEET BAMBRAH

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An Overview of Regulation and Innovation

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PETER J. NICHOLSON

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Innovation and Business Strategy: Why Canada Falls Short

Dr. Nicholson is the inaugural President and Chief Executive Officer of the Council of Canadian Academies. Dr. Nicholson is a past Member of Parliament in Nova Scotia. Dr. Nicholson has been Vice-President of H.B. Nickerson & Sons, Vice-President of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Clifford Clark Visiting Economist in the federal Department of Finance, Chief Strategy Officer of BCE Inc., Canada's largest telecommunications company and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris.

Dr. Nicholson has served in a voluntary capacity on several organizations dedicated to the furtherance of science and technology in Canada including the National Advisory Board on Science and Technology. He was the founding Chair of the Fields Institute for Research in Mathematics; a Governor of the National Research Council; a Director and a member of the Research Council of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research; Chair of the Canadian Institute for Telecommunication Research; and the inaugural Chair of the Members of both the Canada Foundation for Innovation and the Millennium Scholarship Foundation. Dr. Nicholson is a member of the Order of Canada, awarded in recognition of his contribution to business through both the public and private sectors.