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The Honda Foundation hosts the 11th DISCOVERIES International Symposium 1993 in Canada

The Honda Foundation (President, Hiromori Kawashima), together with the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (C.I.A.R.), will host an international symposium from October 16th to 18th in Toronto, Canada. The theme of this symposium is "THE DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH: Prosperity, Health and Well-Being", and is aimed at uncovering the global theme of future determinants of health through discussion of analytical results of decisive factors of health, health policy, economic growth and social prosperity in advanced nations.

A workshop is scheduled on the final day of the three-day symposium under the theme: "POPULATION GROWTH, RESOURCE SCARCITY AND SOCIAL STABILITY: The Importance of the Supply of Human Ingenuity". The topics actively taken up at the workshop ranged from methods to measure population problems, including life expectancy and demography, to limited availability of natural resources and how population problems will be dealt with in countries such as China and megacities around the world.

Furthermore, on October 19th, the Honda Foundation, together with The Royal Society of Canada will host a two-nation symposium on the following theme: "FUTURE OF THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT: The Role of Canadian and Japanese Science and Technology". In this symposium, sustainability of socio-economic systems and politico-economic regimes, environment monitoring from space, climate change program in Canada, science and technology policies concerning global environment as well as the role of Canada and Japan for the future of global environment will be discussed.

HONDA FOUNDATION

The Honda Foundation, established in December, 1977, to contribute to the creation of true humane civilization, on the basis of the philosophy of the late Mr. Soichiro Honda, has held ten **DISCOVERIES International Symposia** in Tokyo, Roma, Paris, Stockholm, Columbus (Ohio), London, Melbourne, Brussels, Vienna and Bonn to discuss many problems caused by the rapid progress of technology in recent years. Through the symposia, it has been recognized that modern society has need to establish technology which will truly serve humanity for the creation of better civilization. Modern technology has become highly developed to cope with human desire for greater prosperity but has not appropriately matched present civilization resulting in bringing about dislocations and adverse effects. Therefore, the Honda Foundation will positively continue to propose **Eco-Technology**, the new technological concept which harmonizes the progress of technology and civilization, rather than pursuing technology only designed for efficiency and profit.

1. Main Activities

- a) The **DISCOVERIES International Symposia** of scholars and specialists from all over the world for realization of "eco-technology" will be held.
- b) A **Honda Prize** has been established, to be awarded annually an individual or an organization, irrespective of nationality, for a distinguished achievement in the field of "eco-technology". The Prize includes the sum of ¥10,000,000.
- c) **International seminars and workshops** will be held as needed to establish and diffuse the "eco-technology" and to deepen mutual understanding in the field of technology and culture.

2. Established upon a donation made by the late Mr. Soichiro Honda on December 27, 1977.

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* The term "DISCOVERIES" is, besides being the plural form of the word "Discovery," a term formed by the initials of the words "Definition and Identification Studies on Conveyance Of Values, Effects and Risks Inherent in Environmental Synthesis."