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Roméo Dallaire in Vancouver for Engineers Without Borders conference
Conference open to anyone with an interest in approaches to global poverty

(Vancouver, BC) Lieutenant General The Honourable Roméo Dallaire, author of Shake Hands with the Devil – The Failure of Humanity in Rwanda, and former United Nations Force commander and witness to the Rwandan genocide, will be the keynote speaker at a Vancouver conference presented by Engineers Without Borders.

The Bridging the Gap 2008 conference will feature the Canadian hero who will talk about his own experiences in developing countries and connect them to the important overseas work being done by Engineers Without Borders.

Bringing together engineers and non-engineers alike who share an interest in making a difference, the conference will also showcase the stories and efforts of community leaders and individuals involved in human development projects in Canada and overseas.

Topics such as the root causes of poverty, fair trade, and corporate social responsibility will be covered through panel discussions and workshops. The spotlight will be turned towards Africa and the developing world, and Canada's role in poverty reduction.

"We are delighted to have General Roméo Dallaire as our conference keynote speaker. General Dallaire shares a common interest with Engineers Without Borders in bringing to light the issue of global poverty – especially in Africa. Through his experience as a Canadian Senator, he will be able to provide a unique insight into the important role Canadians can play in international development," said John ter Borg, local conference director for Engineers Without Borders.

Bridging the Gap 2008 takes place Saturday, March 15, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Empire Landmark Hotel, 1400 Robson Street. Tickets are \$60 for non-students and \$25 for students and available through Ticketmaster. For more information, visit www.vancouver.ewb.ca.

A registered Canadian charity that works in developing communities to eradicate extreme poverty, Engineers Without Borders provides the poorest people in the world access to technology and life sustaining skills. Its 30,000 members across the country strive to make Canada a model global citizen.

LIMITED MEDIA AVAILABILITY:

Due to an extremely busy schedule, Lieutenant General The Honourable Roméo Dallaire is available for media interviews by phone during the following times only:

Thursday, March 6
12 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. PST
4 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. PST



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