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Introduction

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Our luncheon speaker today is Honorable John McKay, M.P. of House of Commons, Canadian Parliament. John is from Scarborough East. Since 1997, he has been a very distinguished and active Member of Canadian Parliament. I came to know him because of a mutual friend, Tom Tung-Pi Chen, a friend who happened to be his teacher at Queen's University Law School, and who happened to be my schoolmate in high school, in college, and then at Yale Law School, who is now Taiwanese representative to Canada. Through him, we came to know each other. Our common bond is not only in terms of a mutual friend, but we share so many similar perspectives in terms of Canadian-Taiwanese relations. Certainly, we see so many issues in the very same light. Mr. McKay has been extremely conscientious in terms of constituent services as well as local activities.

But his concern, certainly, has gone much beyond the local-national issues of Canada, in terms of how to help make a better world community. So in the Parliament of Canada, he has been Chairman of the Ontario Liberal Caucus, Vice-Chairman of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights, and, also, President of the Canada Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Group. Just this year, when SARS was occurring, he was the one who championed, who advocated and was able to make certain Parliament of Canada adopted a resolution in support of Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization. It gives me a great deal of pleasure to introduce and present him today. He'll be speaking on Taiwan, WHO, and SARS.