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### **University of Winnipeg President & Former Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister to Address Thai-Canadian Chamber of Commerce**

WINNIPEG – Dr Lloyd Axworthy, President of The University of Winnipeg and former Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister, will address the Thai-Canadian Chamber of Commerce (TCCC) at noon on Friday, November 18, 2005 on “Human Security in the Global Era.”

Axworthy, nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for his part in the Ottawa Convention banning anti-personnel landmines, will talk with TCCC members about the most pressing issues affecting human security today: infectious disease; climate change; poverty; and, conflict.

The world today is increasingly defined by common goals and common dangers. No clearer example of a common global threat can be found than that of the deadly ease with which the SARS virus crossed from the Chinese countryside into the downtown streets of Toronto. As national borders are worthless protection against possible pandemics, Human Security must be paramount to National Sovereignty as the world seeks to address threats of universal magnitude.

“In an age of dramatic change at home and abroad,” said Axworthy, “we must teach students and the general public to think as global citizens—critically and to reason and problem solve. We must empower one another to help redefine and shape the world in which we live. We must ask tough questions about war and poverty, tackle the problems of climate change and disease, and be defenders of human rights and builders of democracies.”

Dr Axworthy will draw from his experience as Canada’s Minister of Foreign Affairs (1996 – 2000) where he brought to the world stage the Canadian-led concept of *The Responsibility to Protect* (R2P), a phrase that describes an evolving concept about the duties of governments to prevent and end unconscionable acts of violence against the people of the world, wherever they occur.

While in Bangkok, Dr Axworthy will tour the Somapa School and meet with a number of university presidents, as well Canadian Ambassador to Thailand Denis Comeau.

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Members of the media are welcome to attend the November 18, 2005 Thai-Canadian Chamber of Commerce event. For information on interviews, members of the media are invited to contact:

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