

Canada's Response To 2005 Indian Ocean Tsunami Detailed In Nov. 17 Lecture

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DURHAM, N.H. -- Bob Johnston, director general of strategic planning and policy for the Asia branch of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), will talk Friday, Nov. 17, 2006, at 4 p.m. in the Memorial Union Building, Theater I, at the University of New Hampshire about Canada's response in Indonesia and Sri Lanka after the Indian Ocean tsunami that killed thousands of people. The talk, part of the New Hampshire International Seminar Series, is free and open to the public.

Much of Johnston's professional career has been devoted to international development with field assignments in Sudan, Ghana and China. Over the last 10 years, Johnston has held posts at CIDA, including director of the Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Malaysia division. Since January 2005, Johnston has also served as coordinator of CIDA's Tsunami Task Force, directing Canada's relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in tsunami-affected areas of South and Southeast Asia.

The lecture is sponsored by the Class of 1954 and the Yale-Maria Fund. For more information, call (603) 862-2398.