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Productivity: The Great Economic and Social Imperative for Canada

We are entering a new global normal. Things are not as they were. The international economic geography is shifting to dynamic emerging economies, the demographics of aging is creating a global talent hunt, and the cumulative impact of the financial crisis, environment disasters, weak corporate governance and government mismanagement has led to large “tail risks” that will be endured in years to come. In addition to this, poor productivity growth has resulted in Canadians working harder and longer; and with worsening demographics, productivity growth is the only means to raise future Canadian living standards. In **today’s** changing global environment, Canadian firms have a unique opportunity to prosper, provided they build on their core strengths, embrace the global marketplace and address productivity and innovation weaknesses.

Date: 9 February 2012 (Thursday)

Time: 4:00 - 5:00pm

Venue: SFU Harbour Centre, 515 West Hastings Street, Room 7000

The Honourable Dr. Kevin G. Lynch, PC, Vice-Chair of BMO Financial Group, is a distinguished former public servant with 33 years of service with the Government of Canada. Most recently, Dr. Lynch was the Clerk of the Privy Council, Secretary to the Cabinet and Head of the Public Service of Canada. Dr. Lynch serves on several boards, including those of the Gairdner Foundation, the Perimeter Institute, the University of Waterloo, Chair of the Canadian Ditchley Foundation, and the Learning Partnership. Dr. Lynch was made a Member of the Queen’s Privy Council for Canada in 2009, and was a recipient of the Queen’s Golden Jubilee Medal and in 2012 was named an Officer of the Order of Canada.