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Portugal's Secretary of State and renowned Portuguese "Fado" singer visit Toronto to celebrate Portuguese-Canadian business excellence

Federation of Portuguese Canadian Business and Professionals (FPCBP) has begun its proceedings to honour the Portuguese-Canadian community's business leaders at the 2007 FPCBP Business Excellence Awards. The event takes place on February 10, 2007 at the Pearson Convention Centre in Brampton, Ontario.

FPCBP is pleased to announce **Honourable Antonio Braga**, the Portuguese Parliament's Secretary of State, as a guest speaker for the event and prominent "fado" singer from Portugal, **Mr. Carlos Do Carmo** as the main entertainment attraction. This will be the first time Mr. Braga sets foot on Canadian soil and Mr. Do Carmo is expected to deliver a powerful performance of one of Portugal's greatest cultural art forms, "fado".

FPCBP members have been given the responsibility of nominating individuals who they think have contributed to the success of their respective organization with outstanding innovation, leadership and managerial skill while contributing meaningfully to their community. FPCBP will be honouring four individuals in the following categories: **Business Excellence Award**, **Professional Excellence Award**, **New Generation Award** and **Civic Commitment Award**.

"The Portuguese-Canadian community has numerous accomplished entrepreneurs and professionals that have led their organizations to new levels of growth and financial achievement. This Awards Dinner will act as a medium to rightfully recognize some of these individuals." says **Ana Bailao, FPCBP President**. "I am also delighted to have the support of two notable personalities from Portugal, who I look forward to introducing to our vibrant community."

The deadline for nomination submissions is January 19, 2007. The FPCBP Board of Directors will be the Selection Committee for this initiative and will announce the winner of each award during the week of January 22nd -26th, 2007. As a result, the FPCBP Board of Directors and their immediate families are not eligible to be nominated for an award.

For more information about the awards, nomination eligibility, requirements and ticket reservations please contact the FPCBP office at 416-537-8874 or email info@fpcbp.com. The nomination form can also be downloaded from the FPCBP website at www.fpcbp.com.

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