



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

Honorary Degree Citation

The degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*,
conferred on Dr. Kim Campbell

Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Madam Chancellor, ladies and gentlemen, I am very pleased to present to you the Right Honourable Kim Campbell, Canada's 19th and first female Prime Minister.

Kim Campbell's political journey has been one of constantly breaking new ground - an example that many young leaders aspire to follow. It is one of overcoming challenges. She is truly a Canadian trailblazer. She has held many leadership positions in BC and Canada, and has played a consistent role in promoting democracy across the globe and the advancement of women in public service. The motto in the crest granted to her by Queen Elizabeth II in 1995 to recognize her service to Canada sums it all up: "Seek wisdom, conquer fear, do justice."

Kim Campbell received both a Bachelor of Arts, Honours in political science and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of British Columbia, and focused on Soviet Studies at the London School of Economics.

After serving the Vancouver School Board and the BC Legislative Assembly, Kim Campbell was elected to Canada's parliament in 1988. She became Canada's first female justice minister and attorney general. Her main goals in these roles were fairness in the relationship between citizens and governments, and inclusive justice for all Canadians. Later, she became Minister of National Defence, again a first among NATO countries, and in 1993, Prime Minister of Canada.

Undiminished in her efforts after the defeat of the Progressive Conservatives in 1993, Kim Campbell has taught at the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, while continuing as an effective international leader for democratic values. She has raised the profile of such fora as the Club of Madrid and the 'Madrid Agenda' against the rise of terrorism.

Kim Campbell was inducted into the International Women's Forum Hall of Fame in 2008.

For her outstanding contribution to Canadian politics she was honoured with the Companion of the Order of Canada in 2010 and the Order of BC in 2012.

Madam Chancellor, on behalf of the senate of Simon Fraser University, I ask that you confer upon Kim Campbell, the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.