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2008 Busiest Year on Record for Winnipeg Convention Centre

WINNIPEG: The world economy may be on a down-turn, but the Winnipeg Convention Centre closed out 2008 with the best revenue year in its 34 years of operation!

With 34 conventions, 11 private industry trade shows, 19 public consumer shows, and hundreds of association, corporate meetings and private functions, the Centre was one of the busiest facilities in Canada for its size and scope.

"With a new truck show, the Brier Patch for the Canadian Curling Association's Tim Horton's Brier, the Canadian Country Music Awards Gala, and three conventions over what is usually the quieter summer months, it's truly been an overwhelming success!" boasts Convention Centre President and CEO Klaus Lahr. "We credit our supportive clients, genuine hospitality, our central location, and our entire committed staff."

In 2008, the Winnipeg Convention Centre performed to such rave reviews as:

"Your service was over and above. I highly recommend this venue!"
Brigitte Farah, Manager, Meetings and Administration, Metallurgical Society of CIM

"The personal dedication and unmatched professionalism of your staff helped make this Convention experience both productive and enjoyable for the over 2,000 delegates who attended. You can take pride in the instrumental role you played in facilitating our party's most successful gathering to date."

The Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, P.C., M.P., Prime Minister of Canada

"Just think what we could do for our economy with an expanded facility?" quips Lahr.

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