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The Public Policy Forum's 5th Annual Gordon Osbaldeston Lecture

John Furlong to deliver 2010 Gordon Osbaldeston Lecture

Ottawa – The Public Policy Forum today announced that John Furlong, Chief Executive Officer of the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games will deliver the 2010 Gordon Osbaldeston Lecture, . *"A Vision Too Far? Lessons From the Games That Changed Canada,"* in Ottawa on November 18, 2010.

John Furlong is the leader behind the team that organized and staged the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. From the very beginning of the project, Furlong envisioned that the Games could be a true nation builder, helping to improve the fabric of Canadian society. *"There has been euphoria here, a change. Something has happened, not just in Vancouver but all over the country."* said Furlong.

The Gordon Osbaldeston Lecture is an annual event hosted by the Public Policy Forum. This prestigious lecture honours Mr. Osbaldeston's distinguished 35-year career as a public servant including 3 years as Clerk of the Privy Council (1982-1985). The lecture raises awareness about the challenges, issues and opportunities facing Canada's public service.

"We are delighted that John Furlong will deliver this year's Osbaldeston Lecture", said David Mitchell, President of the Public Policy Forum. *"There can be little doubt that the lessons learned from organizing and hosting the very successful Winter Games are relevant to a modern public service."*

The Public Policy Forum is an independent, non-partisan organization dedicated to improving the quality of governance in Canada. For additional information about the Osbaldeston Lecture, or to purchase tickets, visit <http://www.ppforum.ca/events/5th-annual-gordon-osbaldeston-lecture>.

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