Governor-General of Canada on state visit

CANADA’S Governor-General David Johnston will be in Singapore for a four-day state visit, starting today.

His visit, at the invitation of President Tony Tan Keng Yam, is a first by a Canadian Governor-General to Singapore, said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in a statement yesterday.

Mr Johnston is accompanied by a delegation of senior government officials and representatives of Canadian research institutes, businesses and academia.

On Monday, an official welcome ceremony will be held at the Istana, after which he will call on President Tan and meet Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong.

Later in the evening, President Tan will host a state banquet in honour of Mr Johnston.

During his visit, he will deliver a keynote address at the National University of Singapore on “Diplomacy of knowledge: Education and globalisation in the 21st century”.

He will also visit the Kranji War Cemetery and the Harmony Centre, as well as meet the Canadian community in Singapore.

An orchid will be named in his honour when he visits the Botanic Gardens.