



**Jamshed Merchant**

Jamshed Merchant began serving as Canada's Consul General in Minneapolis in October 2012. He is Canada's senior representative in the Upper Midwest states of Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Jamshed leads a team of professionals building two-way trade and investment ties, engaging decision-makers and citizens on a range of issues important to both countries and helping Canadians living and travelling in the region.

Jamshed started his career as a faculty lecturer in Geography at McGill University in Montreal in 1979. In 1983, he joined the Alberta government's Ministry of the Environment as a soil scientist working on land reclamation. From 1985 to 2001, Jamshed worked with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada as a soil conservationist in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Between 2003 and 2007, Jamshed worked with the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat (Canada's equivalent of the Office of Management and Budget). He returned to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in 2007 and was appointed Assistant Deputy Minister of the Agri-Environment Services Branch in 2008 (Canada's equivalent of the Natural Resources Conservation Services branch at the USDA).

Jamshed graduated from the University of East Anglia (U.K.) in 1977 with a degree in Environmental Science, and received his Master's in Pedology and Soil Survey at the University of Reading in 1978. He is married to Pheroza, and they have three children, Sohrab, Jehangir and Shireen.