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The Department of External Affairs announced to-day, that the Canadian delegation which has been discussing a bilateral Air Transport Services Agreement between Canada and Japan has successfully concluded its negotiations.

The draft text of the Agreement was initialled in Tokyo to-day, Wednesday, November 24, by Mr. K. Teraoka, Special Assistant to the Vice-Minister in the Foreign Ministry, and Mr. A. D. McLean, Member of the Air Transport Board, representing the Governments of Japan and Canada respectively. It is expected that the formal signature of the Agreement will take place in Ottawa at the earliest possible opportunity. The Agreement will come into effect after it has been approved by both contracting parties in accordance with their respective constitutional procedures.

Under the Agreement, the airlines of Japan will be entitled to operate an international air service from Tokyo to Vancouver and further on a route extending to South America, while the airlines of Canada will be entitled to operate a similar air service from Vancouver to Tokyo and Hong Kong.