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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today that the Fourth Meeting of the Canada-Japan Ministerial Committee will be held in Ottawa on October 5 and 6. The Agenda and other details of the meeting will be worked out through consultations between the Governments of Canada and Japan. A simultaneous announcement is being made in Tokyo.

The Canada-Japan Ministerial Committee was established during the visit to Ottawa of the Prime Minister of Japan in June 1961 when it was agreed by the Canadian and Japanese Prime Ministers that, in view of the increasing importance of Canadian-Japanese relations, Ministers of the two Governments should meet from time to time to exchange views on matters of common interest, particularly in the economic field, and to familiarize themselves with the problems of the other country. The Ministerial Committee is not intended to be a negotiating board.

Three Meetings of the Committee have been held: in Tokyo in January 1963, in Ottawa in September 1963 and again in Tokyo in September 1964.