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MINISTER CARNEY PURSUES INVESTMENT AND TRADE OPPORTUNITIES IN HONG KONG

The Honourable Pat Carney, Minister for International Trade, has begun an official visit to Hong Kong.

This is the Minister's first visit to Hong Kong as Minister for International Trade. She will be actively pursuing increased investment and expanded trading ties with Hong Kong under Canada's National Trade Strategy.

The Asia Pacific Region is of growing importance to Canada both as a market for our products and services and as a source of investment.

In this context, the Minister will encourage stronger economic links between Hong Kong and Vancouver. These have already inspired major investments in Vancouver by Hong Kong entrepreneurs such as the recent acquisition of the Bank of British Columbia by the Hongkong Bank of Canada. The official inauguration of the newly expanded Hongkong Bank of Canada took place yesterday in Vancouver, coinciding with the Minister's arrival in Hong Kong.

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