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FOUR CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER'S AWARDS FOR CANADA-JAPAN
CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AND EXCHANGES

The Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today in Tokyo the launching of four Canadian Prime Minister's Awards aimed at fostering Canada-Japan cultural understanding and exchanges. The initial announcement of the awards was made on the occasion of the first visit of Prime Minister Takeshita to Canada in January, 1988.

The awards include:

- Best scholarly manuscript written in Japanese about Canada or the Canada-Japan relationship
- Best translation into Japanese of a scholarly work about Canada
- "The Bruce Rankin Award" for the best script for a TV documentary on Canada
- Best manuscript resulting from collaborative research.

Individual awards are set at \$15,000 each, with the exception of the Bruce Rankin media award of \$50,000. The funding will be provided by the Canadian Department of External Affairs. The awards will be administered through the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo.

In launching the awards, Mr. Clark observed that "mutual awareness is fundamental to the strengthening of the rapidly growing relations between Canada and Japan. These awards will serve to promote increased understanding between the peoples of our two countries".

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