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CANADA-JAPAN RESEARCH AWARD

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced Wednesday in Tokyo that the Canadian Government has established an annual institutional research award which will be known as the Canada-Japan Research Award. The award, which provides a (Cdn.) \$50,000 grant, will be made annually to a Japanese organization or institution to enable it to undertake original research concerning Canada or Canadian relations with Japan.

The Canada-Japan Research Award is a significant further step in strengthening Canada's academic relations program in Japan, the purpose of which is to develop a greater understanding of Canada in Japan. It is offered to encourage and assist original research in areas of importance to the Canada-Japan relationship. While complementary to existing Canadian Studies programs in Japan, the new award is tailored to encourage and facilitate publication of Japanese-language materials on Canada or the Canada-Japan relationship.

Academic relations programs between the two countries have as their origin an agreement signed in 1974. Canada's academic involvement in Japan includes, inter alia, financial support for two visiting professors of Canadian Studies, a Faculty Enrichment Program for Japanese academics, a reciprocal scholarship program involving the two countries, a university book donation program in support of teaching about Canada and provision to certain Japanese universities of selected Canadian Government publications and materials.