

PRIME MINISTER, MRS. NAKASONE, PREMIER BENNETT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

YESTERDAY, IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, YOU SPOKE WITH ELOQUENCE AND VISION OF THE CONVERGENCE, ACROSS THE PACIFIC, OF THE BEST OF THE ORIENTAL AND THE OCCIDENTAL WORLDS. HERE, IN VANCOUVER, THOSE TRADITIONS COME TOGETHER, IN A CITY AND A REGION WHICH DRAWS MUCH OF ITS PAST, AND SEES MORE OF ITS FUTURE, IN RELATIONS WITH ASIA AND THE PACIFIC RIM.

THE GREAT SUCCESS OF YOUR LEADERSHIP OF MODERN JAPAN IS THAT YOU HAVE LINKED TRADITIONS TO TOMORROW. YOUR JAPAN IS PROUD OF ITS PAST, BUT IS NOT ITS PRISONER. FROM A SOLID BASE, YOU REACH OUT. THAT IS ALSO THE SPIRIT OF THIS WESTERN PART OF CANADA, AND HELPS EXPLAIN BOTH THE WARMTH OF YOUR WELCOME HERE, AND THE CONVICTION THAT JAPAN AND CANADA ARE NATURAL ALLIES IN BUILDING A MODERN WORLD WHICH IS MORE FREE, MORE PROSPEROUS, AND SAFER FOR OUR CHILDREN.

YOU HAVE EXPLAINED THAT THE MODERN CHALLENGE FOR JAPAN IS TO ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUAL ASPIRATION IN A SOCIETY WHERE HARMONY IS SO RESPECTED. BY CONTRAST, THE MODERN CANADIAN CHALLENGE IS TO INSPIRE A SENSE OF COMMON PURPOSE IN A LAND DEFINED BY DIVERSITY. ONE WAY WE DO THAT IS TO DIRECT OUR NATIONAL POLICY