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## Framework agreement signed during Prime Minister Trudeau's visit to Japan

The Prime Minister's official visit to Japan from October 20 to 26, which was intended primarily to demonstrate the significance Canada attaches to its evolving relations with that country, provided an opportunity for political consultation at the most senior level. A "Framework for Economic Co-operation" was concluded to balance the contractual link with the European Community, thereby advancing specifically the Government's "third option" foreign policy. The Framework signifies the will and intent of both Governments to facilitate and improve commercial and financial flows between the two countries and to improve mutual understanding of the bilateral economic relations. The visit was also intended to provide a catalyst for increased cultural interchange between Canada and Japan.

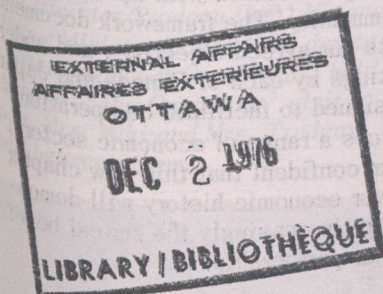
Mr. Trudeau was accompanied by Mrs. Trudeau and three members of Parliament, as well as officials from the Prime Minister's office, the Departments of External Affairs, Agriculture, Industry, Trade and Commerce, Finance, and Energy, Mines and Resources.

The Prime Minister and Mrs. Trudeau arrived in Tokyo October 20, via Osaka, where they landed unexpectedly because of bad weather. Following welcoming ceremonies the next day at the official Japanese guest house, they were received by the Emperor and Empress and were later guests at an imperial luncheon held in their honour.

In Tokyo, Mr. Trudeau held official talks on two occasions with Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Miki. It was during these discussions that the Framework agreement was signed and also a cultural agreement. He also met with the Japanese Deputy Prime Minister (and Director General of the Economic Planning Agency), the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of International Trade and Industry and the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry.

### Visit to the Diet

Mr. Trudeau visited the Diet, the Japanese House of Commons, where he met with the Speaker of the House of Representatives. He later attended a reception given by the Japan/Canada



Prime Minister Trudeau, in the seat of the Speaker of the Japanese House of Representatives, listens as Speaker

Maeo explains procedures. Canada's Ambassador to Japan, Bruce Rankin, stands behind the Prime Minister.