

The Committee welcomed the growing cooperation and exchanges between the two countries in many fields, such as the current tour of Japan by the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. The Ministers expressed interest in further cultural exchanges. Moreover, the Canadian Ministers indicated the desirability of closer scientific and technological links, which would reinforce and broaden relations between Canada and Japan, and the Japanese Ministers noted that the matter would be studied in detail.

In the course of their stay in Japan, Canadian Ministers, at the invitation of the Japanese Government, visited the site of Expo '70 at Osaka, where Canada and the Provinces of British Columbia, Ontario and Québec will have pavilions. Canadian Ministers extended their best wishes for the success of Expo '70 and Japanese Ministers thanked Canada for its extensive participation and cooperation.

The programme of the Ministerial Committee included separate meetings between Japanese and Canadian Ministers with corresponding portfolios, at which detailed discussions took place on questions of mutual interest.

The Ministers agreed that the fifth meeting of the Committee had proved useful in providing for exchange of views between the two sides on many matters of mutual concern and had thereby contributed to the increasingly close relations between Japan and Canada. The Committee accepted the invitation of the Canadian Government to hold its next meeting in Canada.