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CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN JAPAN WORLD EXPOSITION

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced during the Canada-Japan Ministerial Committee meetings in Ottawa that the Government of Canada had accepted an invitation from the Government of Japan to participate in the Japan World Exposition to be held in Osaka from March 15 to September 13, 1970. Developing the theme of "Progress and Harmony", this will be a general exhibition of the first category under the Convention relating to International Exhibitions. It will have the same status as Expo '67 and will be the next exhibition of that category authorized by the Bureau of International Exhibitions, as well as the first of its kind to be held in Asia. Mr. Martin declared that "in the developing context of Canadian-Japanese relations, Canada's presence at Osaka will appropriately re-affirm the valued friendship between our two countries and our growing partnership in trade and other fields".

A feasibility study will be undertaken within the next few months to determine the scope and form of Canadian participation in the Osaka Exposition.