

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced today that the Sixth Japan-Canada Ministerial Committee Meeting will be held in Toronto, September 13 and 14, 1971. The Canadian delegation will consist of Mr. Sharp as Chairman, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, the Honourable Jean-Luc Pepin; the Minister of Finance, the Honourable E.J. Benson; the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, the Honourable J.J. Greene; and the Minister of Agriculture, the Honourable H.A. Olson. The Japanese Government will be represented by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Honourable Takeo Fukuda; the Minister of International Trade and Industry, the Honourable Kakuei Tanaka; the Minister of Finance, the Hon. Mikio Mizuta; the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, the Honourable Munenori Akagi; and the Director General of the Economic Planning Agency, the Honourable Toshio Kimura. Also in attendance will be the Ambassador of Canada to Japan, His Excellency Mr. H.O. Moran; the Ambassador of Japan to Canada, His Excellency Mr. Shinichi Kondo; and senior officials of the two governments.

A detailed agenda for the Meeting will be released later. The ministers will, however, be discussing a broad range of subjects of interest to the two countries including international, political, and financial matters, bilateral trade relations, and questions relating to energy and mineral resources.

The forthcoming meeting of the Committee is the first to be held in Canada outside Ottawa. The previous meeting took place in Tokyo on April 17 and 18, 1969. The Japanese ministers and their wives and the official party will arrive from Washington on September 11 and will spend Saturday and Sunday in the Toronto and Niagara Falls area. Following the meeting on September 13 and 14 the Japanese party will travel to Vancouver where they will remain overnight September 15, before leaving for Tokyo at 1530 hours September 16.