

The Government of Canada's comprehensive Strategy for Japan seeks to ensure greater and more frequent interaction between our countries, so that we may pursue mutually beneficial trade goods. In particular, Canada aims to protect and expand her market share of resource products to Japan, increase sales of Canadian value-added products and fully manufactured goods and improve access to Japanese markets in forestry, agricultural and fish products. In addition, the Strategy envisions Canadian industry having access to Japanese production and product technologies, and stimulating Japanese investment in Canadian manufacturing. With respect to the latter goal, it is believed that the Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement will encourage Japanese investment here because of our enhanced access to the United States market.

Numerous consultative mechanisms exist between Canada and Japan. For example, the Canada Japan Business Cooperation Committee (CJBCC), under the Chairmanship of David Culver, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Alcan Aluminium Limited, consists of senior executives of major corporations in both countries. Its aim is to foster closer interaction between the private sectors. Another mechanism is the Joint Economic Committee which meets every 18 months at the deputy minister level to coordinate trade, technology and investment relations. The eighth meeting of the Committee will be held in Tokyo in 1988.

Further economic consultation was seen in 1986 with the exchange of visits between Prime Ministers Brian Mulroney and Yasuhiro Nakasone and the January 1988 visit by the newly-elected Noboru Takeshita to Canada. Such meetings promote greater awareness of each country's economic objectives and provide opportunities to improve the bilateral relationship and address the major trade issues facing the international economic order.

The major statistical indicators of the relationship for Canada are:

Two-way Trade	= \$14.5 billion (1987)
	= \$13.5 billion (1986)
Canadian Exports	= \$7.0 billion (1987)
	= \$5.9 billion (1986)
Japanese Exports	= \$7.5 billion (1987)
	= \$7.6 billion (1986)
Direct Investment (estimated)	= \$3.8 billion (1987)
	= \$2.8 billion (1986)
Portfolio Investment in Canadian bonds (estimated)	= \$35.9 billion (1987)
	= \$30.5 billion (1986)
Tourism to Canada (total spending)	= \$299 million (1987)
	= \$220 million (1986)