

for mutual benefit. Mr. Kanao states in his introduction to the report of the Japanese Economic Mission, that Canada-Japan natural resource trade be conducted on the basis of a long term perspective. The Minister shares this viewpoint recognizing that the economic and investment realities of resource development necessitate a sustained approach. The honouring of commitments by both sides over the long term is an essential element in ensuring the economic viability of western Canadian coal production.

The Minister looks forward to continuing support from the Japanese business community, and particularly from the Keidanren, in persuading the Japanese Government to speed up its market liberalization initiatives, especially for manufactured goods and agricultural, forestry and fisheries products.

Minister Carney noted that the record of achievement in the first 10 years of the Conference has provided a solid basis for further expanding Canada-Japan private sector co-operation, and developing new trade and investment opportunities.