

Minister Regan outlined Canadian expertise and capabilities in a number of fields where market opportunities exist in Korea, particularly nuclear reactors, timber frame construction, satellite communications and high-speed rail system. Minister Regan emphasized the advantages to Korea of proceeding with the construction of a second CANDU nuclear power plant at Wolsung, taking into account the performance of Wolsung I. Minister Kum stated that these Canadian views would be considered in the context of reviewing Korea's energy requirements.

The two Ministers stated that the prospects for Canadian direct investment and for joint ventures in Korea between Canadian and Korean firms are bright in view of the improved foreign investment climate in Korea and agreed to support private initiatives in this regard. In particular they shared the view that there is substantial scope for joint ventures in small- and medium-scale industries and in technology-intensive industries. The Korean side emphasized the importance of technology transfer in sophisticated industries and requested technical cooperation through the industrial cooperation programs of appropriate Canadian agencies; the Canadian side agreed to examine these proposals.

The two Ministers reviewed cooperation in resource development and shared the view that the existing long-term arrangements for coal have been mutually beneficial. They agreed to encourage and support the ongoing contacts and negotiations for long-term supply arrangements as well as joint development of Canadian resources.

The two Ministers agreed that cooperation between Canadian and Korean firms in third countries would be mutually beneficial. They observed that the combination of advanced Canadian technology and Korean experience in technological areas as well as in overseas construction would make joint collaboration in third countries very competitive.

The two Ministers shared the view that it would be desirable for the Pacific basin nations to increase economic cooperation and the Canadian side indicated that a delegation including representatives of the private sector, academia and the public sector would attend the conference on economic cooperation among Pacific basin nations which is to be held in April 1985 under the auspices of the Korean Development Institute.

The two Ministers noted with pleasure the continued success of the Korea-Canada and Canada-Korea Business Councils since their inception in 1981. They also shared the view that these Councils had helped strengthen and broaden the economic ties and the trade relationship between Canada and Korea and that meetings such as the one held in Toronto on March 10 were most useful.