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## VISIT TO CANADA OF THE

## KOREAN MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

The Minister for International Trade, The Honourable Pat Carney, today announced that Mr. Woong-Bae Rha, Minister of Trade and Industry for the Republic of Korea will visit Canada March 11-13.

During his stay in Ottawa, the Korean Minister will meet the Minister for International Trade and the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion, Michel Côté. While in Canada, Minister Rha will be accompanied by a Korean Commercial Mission comprised of senior executives of major trading corporations. They will travel to Vancouver on March 13 to attend a joint meeting of the Canada-Korea Business Council.

During their discussions, Ministers will review the current state of Canada-Korea trade relations.

Minister Carney will be particularly urging increased coal purchases, improved access for softwood lumber and agricultural products, and specific steps to improve Canadian sales of manufactured goods.

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