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Bilateral trade between Canada and Japan has quadrupled over the past ten years and efforts and consultations have increased to enhance our economic and trade ties, as well as broaden the scope of our total relationship. Prime Minister Nakasone's recent visit to Canada and talks with Prime Minister Mulroney are outlined in the feature article and a more in-depth view of Canada-Japan trade and other issues are discussed in articles on pages 4-6.

Trade dominates Canada-Japan agenda

Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone made his first state visit to Canada, January 12-15. In meetings in Toronto, Ottawa and Vancouver with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and other Canadian ministers including Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark, Ontario Premier David Peterson and British Columbia Premier William Bennett, trade and investment issues and concerns were the most important items discussed.

Two major Canadian objectives in Canada-Japan relations are to expand bilateral trade and to increase Japanese investment in Canada. In addition to addressing these issues, concern about protectionism by individual countries and the commitment by both Canada and Japan to an enhanced multilateral system were high on the agenda.

Opposed to protectionism

In his opening remarks at the ceremony welcoming Mr. Nakasone to Canada, Mr. Mulroney said that protectionism threat-

ened both countries. "I share your conviction that all countries, rich and poor alike, benefit from an open and competitive system of international trade," he said. "The forces of protectionism which threaten many of your exports are also a threat to us."

Mr. Nakasone expressed his concerns about protectionism and, in an address to a special joint session of the House of Commons and the Senate in Ottawa on January 13, he warned that protectionism could "lead to the downfall of the world economic order". He added that Japan would "join hands and march forward with Canada" to promote a new round of multilateral trade talks later this year.

Mr. Nakasone also agreed with Mr. Mulroney that the focus of the upcoming Tokyo economic summit, May 4-6, must be closer economic co-operation and co-ordination, with particular emphasis on the prospects for the world economy, the strengthening of the free trade system and the North/South dialogue.

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Yasuhiro Nakasone, Japan's prime minister (centre), is greeted at the special joint session of the House of Commons and the Senate in Ottawa on January 13.

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