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MINISTER CARNEY WELCOMES 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CANADA-JAPAN BUSINESSMEN'S CONFERENCE

MAY 10-13, 1987, VANCOUVER

The Minister for International Trade, the Honourable Pat Carney, today welcomed the 10th annual Canada-Japan Businessmen's Conference, which will be held in Vancouver May 10-13. This meeting will bring together the Canada-Japan Businessmen's Co-operation Committee (CJBCC) led by Mr. David Culver, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Alcan Aluminium Ltd., and the Japan-Canada Economic Committee of the Keidanren (Federation of Economic Organizations) led by Mr. Minoru Kanao, Chairman of the Board of Nippon Kokan K.K. The Conference, established in 1976, has developed into an effective bilateral forum for direct contact between the Canadian and Japanese private sectors.

The two national Committees were instrumental in organizing the Japanese Economic Mission to Canada, led by Mr. Kanao in October 1986. The mission identified joint technological collaboration as having potential for expanding Canada-Japan trade relations. As a result, a manager exchange program with Japanese industry has been started this month by the Dept. of External Affairs. The CJBCC and the Keidanren will help identify interested Canadian and Japanese companies and participants.

The two Committees have consistently provided leadership in orienting bilateral natural resource trade

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