

The two Ministers held their discussions in a most amicable and constructive manner on a wide range of issues including the outlook for the Korean and Canadian economies, ways and means to increase bilateral trade, cooperation in the development of natural resources, and the promotion of joint ventures and technical collaboration, both bilaterally and in third countries.

In reviewing bilateral trade developments both Ministers expressed their satisfaction at the rapid growth of two-way trade which exceeded the \$1.3 billion mark in 1983. Minister Kum stated that bilateral trade could surpass the \$3 billion mark in 1988 given continued efforts by both governments.

Minister Regan welcomed the recent liberalization measures taken by the Korean government and emphasized Canada's interest in obtaining improved market access for agricultural products such as wheat, barley, canola and livestock. This topic also was reviewed during Minister Kum's discussions with Minister Whelan, and in this regard Minister Whelan informed Minister Kum that a draft of a Memorandum of Understanding for agricultural cooperation would soon be presented to the appropriate Korean authorities. Minister Regan also stressed Canada's interest in market opportunities in Korea for high technology products such as electronics, telecommunications and transportation equipment. Minister Kum took careful note of the Canadian government's interests.

Minister Kum expressed the hope that the Canadian authorities would ease import restrictions applied to Korean textiles, clothing and footwear, and would reduce the impact of measures including quotas, anti-dumping duties and fair market value investigations applied to some Korean exports. Minister Kum requested the Canadian government to review annually the items subject to anti-dumping duties, to introduce an early warning system as a way of preventing numerous anti-dumping filings, and to discontinue dual restrictions on such Korean exports as textiles which Korea considers to be inconsistent with the principles of the Multi Fibre Arrangement. Minister Kum also urged the Canadian government to resist protectionist pressures on footwear. Minister Regan took careful note of the Korean government's requests.

Minister Kum indicated that the Canadian General Preferential Tariff system has contributed greatly to the market access of Korean exports to Canada and he expressed his appreciation for the Canadian government's intention to propose a ten year extension of the GPT. He also expressed his satisfaction with the present position which does not exclude Korean automobiles from GPT benefits and urged that these benefits be continued in the second GPT period. Minister Regan stated that due consideration would be given to the Korean views.