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VISIT BY MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE TO THE KAL MEMORIAL IN KOREA

The Honourable James Kelleher, Minister for International Trade of Canada, accompanied by Mrs. Kelleher, made a personal visit on February 5, 1985 to the KAL Memorial located at Chonan, Republic of Korea. The KAL Memorial was erected to commemorate the 269 people killed in the shooting down of a Korean airlines 747 jetliner (Flight 007) by Soviet Union fighter aircraft on September 1, 1983. Among the victims of that tragic incident were ten Canadians including Mary Jane Hendrie, a native of Mr. Kelleher's hometown of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

Mr. Kelleher, who is on an official visit to Korea, had made a personal request to visit the KAL Memorial during his visit. The names of all those killed in the KAL 007 incident are inscribed on a marble stone at the base of the 26.9 metre high monument. Mr. Kelleher laid a wreath at the monument on behalf of the Government of Canada. A minute of silence was observed in memory of the departed. Chonan is located approximately 90km south of Seoul, the capital of Korea. The KAL Memorial is situated in the Manghyang (longed-for homeland) gardens on the outskirts of Chonan where the remains of over 6,500 Koreans who have died abroad are interred. The KAL Memorial was dedicated on September 1, 1984, the anniversary of the KAL 007 incident. That ceremony was attended by the families of many of the KAL victims including those not resident in Korea.