

The Seventh Meeting of the Canada-Japan Ministerial Committee was held in Tokyo on June 23 and 24, 1975.

Japan was represented by the Honourable Kiichi Miyazawa (Chairman of the Meeting), Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Honourable Takeo Fukuda, Minister of State and Director-General for Economic Planning (Deputy Prime Minister), the Honourable Masayoshi Ohira, Minister of Finance, the Honourable Shintaro Abe, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, the Honourable Toshio Kohmoto, Minister of International Trade and Industry, and Mr. Yasuhiko Nara, Ambassador to Canada. Canada was represented by the Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Jean Chrétien, President of the Treasury Board, the Honourable Donald S. Macdonald, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, the Honourable Alistair W. Gillespie, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, the Honourable Eugene F. Whelan, Minister of Agriculture, and Mr. Ross Campbell, Ambassador to Japan.

Expressing their pleasure at the steady development of the close and fruitful relationship between the two countries since the Sixth Meeting of the Canada-Japan Ministerial Committee and, especially, the important impetus provided by the meeting between the Prime Ministers of the two countries in September 1974 for placing the relationship on an ever broader and deeper basis, the Ministers exchanged views on matters of common concern to the two countries in the spirit of friendship and understanding.

The Ministers agreed that Japan and Canada, having political and economic systems based on freedom and democracy and possessing the common goal of contributing to world peace and prosperity through international cooperation, should further expand and enrich their cooperative and consultative relations not only in economic but also in political fields for solving a great variety of new problems facing the world of today.

In this spirit of consultation, the Ministers exchanged views on the current international situation, particularly on developments in the Asian and Pacific region since the end of the armed conflict in Indochina. Sharing the aim to help strengthen the economic and social bases of the countries in the region, they looked forward to the establishment of stable and constructive patterns of relationships among all countries in the region. They noted the progress of regional consultation and cooperation, notably in the forum of the