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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Don Jamieson, announced today that he will be travelling to Japan from January 24 to 29 and to the People's Republic of China from January 29 to February 3, 1978.

While in Japan, Mr. Jamieson will have the opportunity to meet for the first time with the new Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Sunoa Sonoda. He also expects to hold talks with other government leaders. Discussions will centre on international economic and political matters of mutual interest and on a review of aspects of our bilateral relations. It is anticipated that during their talks on bilateral matters the two foreign ministers will discuss nuclear safeguards questions between the two countries. The visit to the People's Republic of China will reciprocate the visit of Chinese foreign minister Huang Hua to Canada in fall 1977. The trip will give Mr. Jamieson the opportunity to follow up on the useful talks he had with Mr. Huang on the further development of bilateral relations between Canada and China and on important international questions. In addition to his discussions with Mr. Huang, it is expected that Mr. Jamieson will meet with other Chinese leaders.

Mr. Jamieson's trip takes place at the same time as the visit to Japan and China of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, which is under the auspices of the Department of External Affairs, and he plans to attend one of the concerts given by the orchestra in each capital.

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