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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNSELLORS TOUR CANADA

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The Minister for International Trade, the Honourable Pat Carney, announced today that the Science and Technology Counsellors from Canadian diplomatic missions will travel across Canada from January 11-22. The Counsellors, based at Canadian embassies in Tokyo, Washington, London, Paris, Bonn, Brussels, the Hague and the European Community, manage the services abroad of the Department of External Affairs' Technology Inflow Program (TIP). This program is designed to help Canadian companies meet their needs for technological innovations.

While in Canada, the Counsellors will meet with senior managers of industry and with federal and provincial government representatives responsible for science and technology, and industrial development. The tour will provide them with an opportunity to describe how they can assist business and government to locate and acquire foreign technological know-how that Canadians can use to become more competitive.

The Counsellors will also describe how they can seek out foreign business contacts and make introductions for Canadian firms interested in joint ventures and collaborative projects in research and development. They will also update government officials on their host countries' strengths in science and technology, and review those countries' policies to encourage research and development and international scientific and technological collaboration.

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