

- (5) stimulating technology acquisition and development as well as industrial cooperation;
- (6) using the MTN process to secure greater trade liberalization;
- (7) promoting tourism.

At the Prime Minister's request, my mission launches the first of many visits into Japan over the next two years. We want to pursue with Japanese business leaders the positive results of last month's Japanese economic mission led by Mr. Kanao. We want to remind Japanese Government and business leaders that Canada can compete in Japan as a reliable supplier. We want to emphasize however that we must have fairness and equity on a number of specific trade access issues.

That is why I have taken this opportunity to visit Japan so soon after the Japanese economic mission was in Canada. Mr. Kanao led his mission to British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec last month, meeting with leaders of business and Government.

Following his meeting with Prime Minister Mulroney Mr. Kanao said that the mission discovered a "new Canada". They found "Investment Canada" seeking new investment as well as a new spirit of national reconciliation and a better labour climate.

Canada's traditional role as a major supplier of natural resources to Japan would continue. But Mr. Kanao made it clear that Japan must deal with the new Canada by increasing imports of Canadian manufactured goods and by exploring opportunities for technology transfer. Joint ventures and investment, especially in manufacturing.

This is a firm foundation upon which we can construct an expanded bilateral economic relationship.

Prime Minister Mulroney is strongly committed to seeing the relationship between Canada and Japan develop to its full potential. He asked me to lead a mission to Japan at the earliest opportunity to build upon the encouraging conclusions of the Kanao mission's visit.

In recent months, we have undertaken several initiatives to increase further trade and investment between our countries. For example, in September, our officials met in Vancouver to review progress on the science and technology agreement during Prime Minister Mulroney's visit to Japan last May. More than 70 projects are being pursued in a wide variety of important fields, including space (e.g. assessing the effects of zero