

While in the Republic of Korea, from February 3-6, the Minister will be participating in the 8th Meeting of Canadian and Korean Trade Ministers and holding extensive discussions with his host, the Honourable Jin-Ho Kum, Minister of Trade and Industry, and other Korean Ministers to identify export market opportunities. Mr. Kelleher will be accompanied by a group of ten Canadian business executives and will meet with them and a number of senior Korean businessmen to discuss private sector initiatives.

In Tokyo, from February 6-8, Mr. Kelleher will meet with his host, the Minister of International Trade and Industry, Mr. Keijiro Murata, as well as other Ministers, to review a wide range of economic and trade issues. The Minister noted that "in the course of my visit I will be meeting a number of Canadian and Japanese businessmen to review the investment climate in Canada, new economic policies of the Government with respect to trade promotion and Canada's commitment to remain a reliable supplier of resource and advanced technology products for Japanese industry". In this regard, Mr. Kelleher noted that he would be addressing a number of these issues during a speech to the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Japan.

Following his bilateral visit, Mr. Kelleher will travel on to Kyoto to participate in a Quadrilateral Trade Ministers Meeting from February 9-11. In his meetings with Ministers from the USA, Japan and the European Community, he will be discussing developments in the international trading system, and reviewing preparations for a new round of multi-lateral trade negotiations.