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CANADA-JAPAN MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced today that the fifth meeting of the Canada-Japan Ministerial Committee will be held in Tokyo on April 17 and 18, 1969. The agenda and other details concerning the meeting will be decided through consultations with the Japanese Government.

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The Canada-Japan Ministerial Committee was established during a visit to Ottawa of the Prime Minister of Japan in June 1961. It was then agreed by the two Prime Ministers that, in view of the increasing importance of Canadian-Japanese relations, Ministers of the two governments should meet from time to time to exchange views on matters of common interest and to familiarize themselves with the problems of the other country. The Ministerial Committee is not intended to be a negotiating body.

Four meetings of the Committee have been held: in Tokyo in January 1963 and September 1964, in Ottawa in September 1963 and October 1966.