

dent mentioned the need to collaborate on issues involving residual pesticides and mould poisons in wheat.

(5) Others

(i) Group B

A group emphasized the specific features and multifunctionality of agriculture in Japan and its decreasing domestic production, causing a decline in its self-sufficiency ratio of food (40%) and a high amount of food imports. The group suggested that, instead of pursuing an FTA that includes tariff elimination in agricultural products, Japan and Canada should rather pursue ways to enhance their economic relations through an exchange of views on agricultural matters, the maintenance of favourable and stable trade relations in agricultural products, and the negotiation of agreements for a stable supply of natural resources and the promotion of investments.

(ii) Group C

Another group introduced the problems Japanese companies face on infrastructure. It introduced concerns by Japanese affiliates that the Port of Vancouver was reaching its capacity limit (short of port workers and space at bulk terminals), resulting in extra stays at the port. It also introduced concerns by the Japanese affiliates that there was an unstable supply of electricity, causing "brownouts," which forces factories to stop machines and affects product quality. This group also explained its role to increase investment between Japan and Canada in both directions. For this purpose, the group spoke of the various seminars and workshops they organized in Japan and Canada. It also explained that it had arranged a number of missions from Canada's automobile parts industry to Japan, as well as dispatching Japanese missions to Canada.