

Let me turn for a moment to the longer-term future. Of a future when our new "Place Canada" has become a well-known landmark in downtown Tokyo, a meeting place for Canadians and their Japanese partners, a symbol of our shared commitment to a shared well-being.

As we look forward, it takes no great leap of faith to see a greatly enhanced trading relationship, in the context of a liberalized world trading system that we are today working hard together to create. Canadian manufactured goods will join Canadian food products and resources in their proper place in the Japanese market. Paralleled by continued growth in the sale of Japanese goods and services in Canada.

I foresee greatly enhanced links of transportation and communication. Non-stop air services between our major cities, and direct and constant telecommunication links between a vast myriad of contacts that will exist between Japanese and Canadians in all walks of life.

I foresee vastly expanded bilateral cooperation in science and technology, between our principal research institutions, in major multilateral undertakings, between private corporations. Pushing back the frontiers of science, of medicine, of applied technologies, and in the exploration and exploitation of space.

I also foresee new partnerships not limited to the bilateral context. In Toronto last week, Prime Minister Takeshita described to us Japan's new initiatives in the area of development assistance. Japan has rapidly become an important pillar in the collective development efforts of the industrialized world. I foresee strong partnerships in this field, given Canada's long commitment to development and our shared interests in stability and growth.

As the newly industrialized economies of Asia complete their rites of passage over the development threshold, I see Canada, whose relations with those economies are already important, working closely with Japan in consulting with them as they shoulder the responsibilities of modern, industrialized and democratic societies. And working with Japan in addressing the needs and aspirations of the growing Pacific community.

At the eastern end of our Pacific bridge, I foresee a strong, diverse, and growing Canada, buttressed by our Free Trade Agreement with the United States, offering an evermore attractive site for Japanese direct investment. I also foresee a reinforcement of our already well-deserved reputation for a high quality of life, as our collective initiatives to promote cultural understanding bear fruit. A Canada that will add one million more Asians to its rich cultural fabric between now and the year 2000. For Japanese it will be both a wonderful place to visit, and a challenging and rewarding place to work and live. As it will be for all Canadians.