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CANADA-JAPAN CONSULTATION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The third Canada-Japan Consultation on Science and Technology was held in Ottawa June 19-21. The Japanese delegation was led by Mr. Shigemichi Sonoyama, Director-General, Research and Coordination Bureau, Science and Technology Agency. Mr. D. B. Dewar, Assistant Secretary, Space Programmes, Ministry of State for Science and Technology led the Canadian delegation, which also included Dr. John Chapman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Space Programmes, Department of Communications and Mr. Peter Aykroyd, Assistant Deputy Minister, Research and Development, Transport Canada. Following meetings held in the Lester B. Pearson Building on June 19 and 20, the Japanese delegation paid visits to research facilities of Agriculture Canada, the National Research Council and the Canada Centre for Remote Sensing on June 21.

During the Consultation, both delegations noted with satisfaction that the links between their respective scientific communities had grown since the last Canada-Japan Consultation on Science and Technology in Tokyo in 1975. The delegations explored areas for increased scientific cooperation on a bilateral basis and agreed to expand cooperation in specific sectors, including space and communications, environment, disaster prevention, construction and agriculture. In addition, each country provided an analysis of its science and technology policies. Both delegations recognized that cooperative efforts in science and technology would play an important role in the development of the bilateral relationship.

In order to facilitate future bilateral cooperation in the field of Science and Technology, general coordinators were named on both sides. The Japanese coordinator is Mr. T. Sugawara of the Science and Technology Agency and the Canadian coordinator is Mr. James Mullen, General Director of the International Division of the Ministry of State for Science and Technology. The Japanese delegation issued an invitation to hold the next round of consultations in Japan at a mutually convenient date.