

Conclusion

I have pointed only to the highlights of the discussions on trade matters at the Ministerial Committee meeting, Mr. Chairman, I cannot hope to suggest in this speech the detailed answers to many questions which may arise in the minds of some of those here today. I wanted rather to emphasize the wide range of commercial questions which, along with other economic and with political matters, are a normal part of Canada-Japan consultations.

One point which is particularly noteworthy is the obvious determination of our two countries to tackle trade problems in a spirit of good will and to adapt and improve the patterns of our trade which are so important to both of us. This determination is based on friendship between our two nations and a confidence in each other as trading partners.

I believe that this friendship and confidence provide evidence of the distance we have travelled from some of the unhappy periods in international relations in the past. On mutual confidence and on continuing efforts towards the effective solution of trading and development problems involving many countries, we can build the political trust which is the essential ingredient of world peace.

This is the path to which Japan and Canada are now committed.