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CANADA GOOD PLACE TO INVEST, SAYS JAPANESE REPORT

The Minister of International Trade, the Honourable Ed Lumley, announced today that the Japanese MITI Survey Mission on Overseas Investment Environment that recently toured Canada has concluded that Canada is a promising country for investment. While in Tokyo in March, Mr. Lumely announced that the Japanese Minister of International trade and Industry the Honourable Shintaro Abe, had agreed to dispatch the survey Mission to Canada.

The mission's report, released June 30 in Tokyo, says that "Canada is a youthful and attractive country with a potentiality for development which promises something more than mere returns on investment".

Mission members were "deeply impressed that both federal and provincial governments are very anxious to see investment" by Japanese entreprises. Such investment was expected to introduce new technology, create employment, promote exports and generally add to the diversification and sophistication of the various resource extraction and processing and manufacturing industries involved.

The report says that increased investment in Canada would be consistent with Japanese objectives to diversify its relations with its important trading partners.

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