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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNSELLORS TO BRIEF CANADIAN BUSINESS AND SCIENCE COMMUNITY ON USE OF LATEST INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

International Trade Minister John C. Crosbie today announced that Science and Technology Counsellors from the Department of External Affairs will travel across Canada from February 6-16, to brief senior business, academic and government representatives about the latest developments in international technology.

The Counsellors are based in our embassies in Tokyo, Washington, London, Paris, Bonn, Brussels, The Hague and the European Community. Their role is to monitor scientific and technological developments overseas and to outline the usefulness of these developments for Canada.

The Counsellors will tour 12 Canadian cities in order to heighten awareness of the dynamic role the government's Science and Technology Counsellor Network can play in helping Canadian industry acquire foreign technological know-how. Each Counsellor will also review major technology policy and programme developments in the individual countries where they are posted.

"Our Counsellors are an excellent resource for Canadian companies and researchers interested in joint ventures and other cooperative initiatives in the area of R & D," said Mr. Crosbie.