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MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE
COMPLETES BILATERAL VISIT TO JAPAN,
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The Honourable Pat Carney, Minister for International Trade, returned to Canada on November 28 after a five day official visit to Japan to promote investment, market access for Canadian products and discuss multilateral trade issues. Miss Carney reviewed for ministers of the Japanese Government the new Canadian strategy for Japan which was announced on November 24. The plan of action promotes co-ordinated bilateral, political, economic and technological co-operation between government, industry and institutions.

Miss Carney stressed Canada's interest in the revision of the Japanese building code following on Prime Minister Mulroney's discussions last May with Prime Minister Nakasone who expressed "his intention to amend the building code in the near future". The Minister of Construction gave assurances that height limitations on three storey timber-frame single family dwellings will soon be lifted. Minister Carney emphasized the importance of further revisions to allow timberframe to be used for three storey multifamily buildings, the fastest growing market segment. Canada will provide the Ministry of Construction with technical expertise and data on fire and safety standards for timberframe construction with a view to assisting in the review. Miss Carney said, "Our aim is to help Canadian lumber sales and Japan's housing shortage by expansion of superior, lower cost, 2 x 4 housing.

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