

We look to Japan's private sector to provide leadership in promoting enhanced bilateral trade and to examine the interplay between its export markets and overseas investments.

We look forward to working with you as investors in our country.

A group of distinguished Canadians have joined me in Osaka. My parliamentary colleague, Bill Kempling, is Chairman of the Canada/Japan Parliamentary Association.

Robert Blanchard, First Vice President of the International Woodworkers of America, has joined me in representing the Canadian Trade Union Movement and in particular the Forest Products Sector.

From the financial sector, I have with me Charles Coffey, Vice President, Corporate and Government Banking Ontario, of the Royal Bank of Canada.

I also take great pleasure in introducing Mr. Michael Spencer, the new Canadian Consul General in Osaka.

Mr. Chairman, may I again say how pleased I am to be in Osaka. I came here today to deliver the same messages I have been conveying to Japanese businessmen and government leaders in Tokyo. Osaka and the Kansai region are very important to Canada and for that reason, we have opened our Consulate General here.

Coming from Vancouver, the host of EXPO '86 I invite Canadian business to strengthen its ties with Osaka, the city that gave the world EXPO '70.

Thank you.