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JAPANESE MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY INVESTMENT MISSION TO CANADA

The Minister of International Trade, the Honourable Edward Lumley, announced yesterday in Tokyo that the Minister of International Trade and Industry, the Honourable Shintaro Abe, has agreed to dispatch a mission to Canada to study the Canadian investment environment. The mission will be led by Mr. Singo Moriyama, adviser to the Minister of International Trade and Industry and will be comprised of representatives of 37 companies, most of which are in the manufacturing sector.

The Minister said that Canada welcomes Japanese investment and that Canada provides a stable investment climate with secure supplies of energy and other materials necessary for manufacturing. "The quality of Canada's labour force should also be an attraction to potential Japanese investors", he said.

The proposed mission is expected to leave on Saturday, March 27, and will be in Canada for approximately two weeks.

The Department of External Affairs will be assisting in making the arrangements for the group while they are in Canada.