

Besides these areas, the group also introduced the responses of the questionnaires on the following areas of interest:

Energy and natural resources: The group introduced the need for better infrastructure to promote more trade in natural resources with Japan and other Asian countries by constructing a large crude oil export terminal on Canada's west coast, constructing a pipeline to supply the terminal, and supporting investment to promote further development of the oil sands and subsidiary industries.

Tourism promotion: It requested enhancing advertising campaigns to promote tourism and cooperation in developing tourism-related products and also suggested campaigns to attract tourists to Vancouver for the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Investment: Seminars sponsored by JETRO and International Trade Canada were appreciated. It suggested that this type of activity be continued and expanded.

Transportation: It claimed that rail freight fares were high in Canada because of the monopoly of local transport. This should be overcome to boost the transportation of energy and other resources.

Information technology: Recognizing that Canada's electronics industry was highly developed, some companies expressed their hope to absorb know-how and to secure human resources in Canada. For these purposes, the group suggested periodic technical exchange sessions, training of promising engineers and promotion of personnel exchanges.

Food safety: A large part of Japan's imports from Canada is food-related products, and there was a request for cooperation with Canada to ensure food safety. In one example, a respon-