

Canada-Japan Forum 2000 Strategy

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- March 1) DFAIT to prepare preliminary assessment of which recommendations are practical (attached)
- Mar-April 2) Confirm new advisory group members
- April 3) PM Chretien to send letter to PM Hosokawa advising Japan of our newly constituted advisory group and our continued interest in pursuing several Forum 2000 recommendations
- April 4) MINT visit to Japan-- raise the points outlined in PM's letter during bilaterals
- May 5) Develop detailed action plan (starting from the existing omnibus action plan) for each of the recommendations selected as priorities
- May 6) Present Forum 2000 update (possibly through advisory group member) at Canada-Japan Business Conference in Kyoto
- June 7) Possible joint Canadian/Japanese advisory group meeting (already suggested by Japanese Embassy) to discuss proposed action plans; forge sub-groups for each item-- have advisory group members "adopt" or find champions for particular topics; seek mutually acceptable compromise on reciprocity for FMU (opening of Japan cultural centre in Toronto may be cited as such);
- July 8) MINA to raise Forum 2000 follow up with Japanese Foreign Minister during bilateral meeting at ASEAN PMC
- July-Oct. 9) Sub groups to follow up on individual recommendations
- October 10) Canadian advisory group meeting to review progress on files prior to PM's November visit
- November 11) PM's visit to Japan: announce any projects agreed to; review progress on other files with Japanese PM; ask for increased movement on individual items as necessary.