

Discussion at the Fifth Consultations was directed at both a review of ongoing projects and consideration of various new proposals put forward by the Japanese and by Canadian federal and provincial representatives. In addition, both sides reviewed the mechanisms for further promoting the active exchange between Canadian and Japanese science-based departments and agencies. As a result, both sides agreed to examine internally the possibility of concluding a Science and Technology Agreement which would further and consolidate the active state of the present science and technology relationship. A Statement of Intent in the field of remote sensing was signed during the consultations and new or expanded projects were agreed to in the areas of toxic gases produced by burning of construction material, arctic marine transportation, agricultural biotechnology, forestry, the effect of low temperature on concrete, etc.

In conclusion, the two delegations agreed that further development of the science and technology relationship is clearly in the long term interest of Canada and Japan as it plays an increasingly important role in the overall bilateral relationship between the two countries.