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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS'
VISIT TO CHINA AND JAPAN
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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. Mark MacGuigan, announced today that he would be paying official visits to the People's Republic of China between August 17 - 31, and to Japan between August 31 - September 4, 1981.

The visit to China will be made at the invitation of the Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs, Huang Hua. During the visit Dr. MacGuigan will hold talks with Chinese leaders in Peking and visit several other Chinese cities.

The visit to Japan will be made at the invitation of the Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sunao Sonoda. Dr. MacGuigan will be in Japan for the Second Annual Canada/Japan Foreign Ministers' Consultations, when he will hold talks with his Japanese counterpart on issues of mutual interest.