

It will be a magnificent structure, including a 700-square foot exhibition-reception hall, a 240-seat auditorium, a research library and an art gallery.

These facilities will help Canadian industry take our trade with Japan to new heights, and I urge all of you to use it to the fullest.

I'm sure that Ambassador Steers, who has served Canada to great effect here since 1981, will always be associated with the building, and I hope he can come back from his retirement home in Toronto for the official opening.

Mr. Steers made a lot of friends for Canada here. He's helped a lot of Canadians cross the ocean. He's helped establish Canada as a Pacific nation, and good trading partner. And that's how I want the world to see us.