

and determine emerging trade opportunities in a changing global and regional environment.

Our goal is the production of a report—a benchmark representing a senior Korean business assessment of Canada as a trade and investment partner. The mission might occur in conjunction with the next joint Council meeting this autumn in Canada.

I have spoken of trade and economic ties, but the "special partnership" between Canada and Korea extends to every element of the relationship. Most importantly, it is a state of mind: building habits of consultation, a readiness to share concerns and discuss options on bilateral as well as on international issues.

I therefore intend to enter into regular and more detailed communication with Minister Kim.

My colleague, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Honourable André Ouellet, is doing the same with Minister Han on political and security issues.

Our "special partnership" is also represented in the following ways:

- We have pledged to expand study in Canada by Korean students (by such means as the recent establishment of the Canadian Education Centre in the Embassy), and also study in Korea by Canadians.
- We will continue to share Canadian experiences in peacekeeping and arms control and verification techniques.
- We will pursue a most welcome Korean proposal to work with Canada in co-chairing regional arms control workshops this year and next.
- We want to make better efforts to spread the word in each country about benefits of the "partnership."
- We will take specific measures to improve flows of tourists and visitors in both directions.

In conclusion, my visit and the other events since our leaders' meeting in November are only the start. Many events over the next months will build on the same theme.

I look for the support of the Canadian Business Club in participating in this effort. I want to congratulate you on sponsoring the initiative to bring a co-op program student to Korea this year.

May I close by thanking you all once again for this opportunity to speak to you.