Canada will continue its strategy for regional market expansion next year with the planned opening of another trade office in Nagoya. A Consulate General in Osaka has been in operation since 1986. In addition, three Honorary Commercial Representatives have been appointed this year in Hiroshima, Sendai and Sapporo.

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