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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced tonight that the second meeting of the Canada-Japan Ministerial Committee will be held in Ottawa on September 25 and 26. The Agenda and other details of the meeting will be worked out during consultations between the Governments of Canada and Japan. A simultaneous announcement is being made in Tokyo.

The Canada-Japan Ministerial Committee was established during the visit to Ottawa of the Prime Minister of Japan in June 1961 when it was agreed by the Canadian and Japanese Prime Ministers that, in view of the increasing importance of Canadian-Japanese relations, Ministers of the two Governments should meet from time to time to exchange views on matters of common interest, particularly in the economic field, and to familiarize themselves with the problems of the other country. The Ministerial Committee was not intended to be a negotiating body.

The first meeting of the Ministerial Committee took place in Tokyo in January 1963. Discussions were held at that time on the trade and economic relations between Canada and Japan as well as on economic matters of an international nature affecting the two countries. It was agreed then that the second meeting would be held in Ottawa.