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OUELLET TO TRAVEL TO VIET NAM AND TO APEC MINISTERIAL IN JAPAN

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that he will travel to Asia to attend meetings in Viet Nam and Japan.

On November 13, Mr. Ouellet will visit Hanoi, where he will hold talks with Vietnamese Prime Minister Vo Van Kiet and Foreign Minister Nguyen Manh Cam. Discussions will focus on expanded bilateral relations and further economic, commercial and development co-operation. On November 14, Mr. Ouellet will inaugurate the new Canadian Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City.

Mr. Ouellet will then go to Osaka for the annual Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) ministerial meeting, on November 16 and 17. Among the issues that he will discuss is the framework for further development of economic and technical co-operation within the region. While in Osaka, Mr. Ouellet will also hold bilateral talks with a number of APEC foreign ministers.

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