

omic mission currently visiting Canada and expressed the hope that contact between their business communities would continue to expand.

Framework agreement

"The two Prime Ministers expressed particular satisfaction with their signing of the Framework for Economic Co-operation which will provide a firm basis for the long-term development of trade and economic relations between the two countries. They noted that the document provides for both Govern-

ments to promote the development and diversification of commercial exchanges and to encourage and facilitate co-operation between their respective industries. They also noted that the Framework provides for the creation of a joint committee to promote economic co-operation and agreed that the first meeting will take place in Canada at a mutually convenient time in the next year. They also agreed that the joint committee will complement and strengthen the consultative mechanisms already established.

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Visit considered success

The Prime Minister's visit to Japan can be described as successful on all counts. His meetings with Prime Minister Miki and other Japanese leaders were extremely fruitful and displayed a symmetry of views particularly on the state of the bilateral relations. During the first meeting of the two Prime Ministers, Mr. Miki echoed Canada's desire to strengthen further bilateral relations in the political, economic and cultural fields. Mr. Miki stressed the similarities of the two countries as advanced industrialized democracies, members of the Asian/Pacific region and with very deep and important relations with the United States. The two leaders described the present state of relations as excellent and agreed that efforts for closer contact should be stepped up in all fields.

Although there were no dramatic breakthroughs in the economic/trade field, it was evident during Mr. Trudeau's stay in Japan that real progress has been made and that old illusions are falling away. The change will not occur overnight and much remains dependent upon the attitude and performance of Canadian business. Nevertheless, Japanese leaders both in government and business acknowledged Canada's efforts toward greater industrialization and saw this development as complementary and not contradictory with Japan's own industrial development strategy. The two Prime Ministers agreed that the prospects were promising for increased investment and a broader trade pattern between the two countries.

Cultural relations

"Taking note of the rich cultural heritages of the two countries, the two Prime Ministers agreed that the promotion of exchanges between the two countries at all levels, in particular in the cultural field, is essential for the deeper mutual understanding between

the two peoples. In this regard, they hoped that more extensive cultural exchanges and contacts between the two countries will develop with the implementation of the cultural agreement. They also expressed the hope for a further increase in the interflow of information through the media of the two countries so as to promote mutual understanding of the peoples of the two countries.

"The Two Prime Ministers expressed their satisfaction with the progress that had been made in the promotion of Canadian studies in Japan and Japanese studies in Canada and in academic exchanges between the two countries, and agreed that these efforts should be continued and further developed. In this connection, Prime Minister Miki welcomed the fact that Prime Minister Trudeau formally inaugurated the Canadian studies program in Japan on the occasion of the latter's visit to Japan."

More domestic flights for Mirabel

A plan to realign domestic air traffic at Dorval and Mirabel airports has been announced by Transport Minister Otto Lang.

Mr. Lang said that when the decision was made to proceed with Mirabel, the international airline industry and other countries had great expectations about air traffic growth for the foreseeable future, for passengers and cargo.

"Due to escalation of fuel costs, inflation, rising labour costs and a stagnant economy experienced the world over, these increases in air traffic did not materialize," the Minister stated. One result is that Mirabel has more capacity available for domestic flights sooner than was originally expected. "We intend to use that capacity to help relieve the growing domestic congestion at Dorval," Mr. Lang said.

The plan will be developed by officials of Transport Canada in consultation with the air carriers and airport users at the two airports, including concessionaires.

"Recommendations are expected early in 1977," said Mr. Lang. He also said Canada/U.S. transborder flights to and from Dorval would not be affected until a second phase of Mirabel development was completed.

Claims negotiator for Yukon

Indian and Northern Affairs Minister Warren Allmand has announced the appointment of Dr. John K. Naysmith of the Office of Native Claims as Special Claims Representative for the Yukon. In his new post Dr. Naysmith will be the senior representative of the Federal Government in upcoming negotiations with the Council for Yukon Indians (CYI) concerning their comprehensive claim.

Since September 1975, when Dr. Naysmith joined the Office of Native Claims as Assistant Special Government Representative, he has been associated with the native claims process in the Yukon and Northwest Territories. He participated in negotiations with the CYI last autumn and winter, involving A.D. Hunt, former Special Government Representative for Comprehensive Claims. Significant progress was made during that period in defining the elements of a settlement.

The Council for Yukon Indians informed the Government last summer that it wished to suspend negotiations to permit further discussion with native communities in the Yukon. Negotiations are expected to be resumed in the new year.