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MACLAREN VISITS JAPAN, LEADS TRADE MISSION TO THE PHILIPPINES AND INDONESIA AND ATTENDS APEC MEETING

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, announced today that he will visit Japan on November 6 and 7 and lead a delegation of senior Canadian business representatives to the Philippines and Indonesia from November 8 to 15. He will also attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) Ministerial Meeting in Osaka, Japan, on November 16 and 17 and he will remain in Osaka for the APEC Leaders Summit on November 18 and 19.

"I look forward to promoting Canada's trade and investment interests in the Asia-Pacific region during this visit," said Mr. MacLaren.

At the APEC Ministerial Meeting, Mr. MacLaren and ministers from other APEC economies will review the Action Agenda, a blueprint to be presented to APEC leaders for trade and investment liberalization and economic and technical co-operation in the region. Mr. MacLaren will hold bilateral talks with several APEC trade ministers during his stay in Osaka.

"Over the last year, Canada, together with its APEC partners, has worked hard to ensure that leaders are presented with a comprehensive framework on how to achieve the Bogor vision of free and open trade and investment in the region."

While in Tokyo on November 6 and 7, Mr. MacLaren will meet Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Trade Ryutaro Hashimoto and Minister of Construction Yoshiro Mori, as well as senior Japanese and Canadian business executives.

He will open a Canadian Space Seminar, which will present Canadian space technology to over 200 Japanese government and industry representatives. He will also attend the Japan Home

