

Research and Development

There are many opportunities for Canadian companies and research agencies to carry out joint research projects related to the Japanese market for housing and building products.

Canadian building products must incorporate the latest technologies to meet the unique demands of the Japanese market. Often the key to adapting existing products or to developing new ones is to acquire technologies developed in Japan or to perform joint research and development (R&D) with a Japanese partner. To facilitate the exchange of information on research activities in each country and to promote collaborative R&D, a series of three Canada-Japan Housing R&D workshops have been held, most recently in June 1996 in Ottawa. These workshops have been staged by the Canada Centre for Mineral and Energy Technology, NRC and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, in co-operation with the Building Research Institute of the Japanese Ministry of Construction and the Japanese 2x4 Home Builders Association, and have featured strong participation by industry. A fourth workshop is tentatively scheduled for fall 1997 in Japan.