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We will have to meet the challenge of building an international agenda that is coherent and governance structures that are more transparent and that engage civil society domestically and internationally.

## CLOSING REMARKS

I would like to conclude my remarks by stressing the importance of Canada-Japan dialogue and collaboration, particularly on such critical issues as ageing, health, and work and family. I look forward to your deliberations since it is through sharing of knowledge, ideas and experience on issues of common concern that we will effectively learn and benefit from each other. I am honored to participate in this exchange between Canada and Japan, and I am committed to our partnership in social policy research.

## Thank you.

The world economy is becoming increasingly knowledge based. This transition holds the prospect of improved performance, but introduces a new set of transition problems, in order to adapt the challenge will be to upgrade the skills and education of us workforce and make the management of knowledge a priority for individuals, firms, governments find other institutions

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