

At the invitation of the Honourable Allan Joseph MacEachen, Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada, His Excellency Dong Jo Kim, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea, made an official visit to Canada on 14th and 15th November 1974. During his stay in Ottawa, the Korean Foreign Minister held conversations with Mr. MacEachen in a cordial atmosphere of friendship and mutual understanding. The Korean Foreign Minister had talks also with the Honourable Alastair W. Gillespie, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce of Canada.

The two Foreign Ministers had a useful exchange of views on the world situation with particular emphasis on East Asia. They discussed the situation in the Korean Peninsula and its causes, and reaffirmed the need for close international cooperation to safeguard peace and security in the region. In this regard, Mr. MacEachen assured the Korean Foreign Minister that the Canadian Government would continue to support the position of the Government of the Republic of Korea at the United Nations.

Reviewing ways and means of further promoting the bilateral cooperation between the two countries, the two Foreign Ministers noted with satisfaction the remarkable growth of the volume of trade between the two countries in recent years and also the recent trends of private enterprises of both countries to undertake various joint investments. The Ministers agreed that their Governments will further encourage these trends and intensify their cooperation.

With a view to facilitating the businesses of international traffic by ships or aircraft of the two countries, the two Foreign Ministers signed an agreement for the avoidance of double taxation of income derived from the operation of ships or aircraft in international traffic between the two Governments.

Foreign Minister Kim extended an invitation to the Secretary of State for External Affairs to visit Korea in the near future. Mr. MacEachen accepted with pleasure the invitation though the date of the visit would be arranged later.

The Korean Foreign Minister expressed his deep appreciation to his Host for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to him during his visit.