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TO OFFICIATE AT GROUNDBREAKING IN JAPAN

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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, will officiate July 1 at the groundbreaking in Tokyo for Place Canada, the new Canadian Embassy in Japan.

In his remarks, Mr. Clark said "this innovative project of Canadian design is to assist us in effectively moving Canada's relations with Japan well into the next century. This is a project designed to help us maintain and increase an already very dynamic and sophisticated relationship with our second largest trading partner."

The project employs an innovative development approach being used for the first time by a foreign government in Japan. Valuable Canadian-owned Embassy land in the heart of Tokyo is being used to provide the funding for facilities at relatively little cost to the Canadian taxpayer. Canada will end up with buildings estimated at a value of more than \$200 million at current exchange rates (initial capital outlay for design and construction), and will save almost \$4 million currently spent each year on rent for supplementary office space and housing for Canadian staff and their families.

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