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FIFTH CANADA-JAPAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CONSULTATIONS, JUNE 14-15, 1982

The Department of External Affairs announces that the Fifth Canada-Japan Science and Technology Consultations were held in Ottawa June 14 and 15. Those consultations marked the tenth anniversary of the science and technology relationship between Canada and Japan which began with the 1972 visit to Japan of a mission led by the then Minister of State for Science and Technology, the Honourable Allistair Gillespie.

The Canadian delegation to the Fifth Consultation was led by Dr. D.E.L. Maasland, Assistant Secretary, Government Branch, Ministry of State for Science and Technology. Mr. L.D. Hudon, Secretary, Ministry of State for Science and Technology, also addressed the participants at the opening of the Consultations. The Japanese delegation was led by His Excellency Ambassador K. Mikanagi who was supported by Mr. Tsuji, Assistant Vice-Minister for Administration, Science and Technology Agency, Tokyo. In addition to the federal government representatives, the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Quebec were represented at the discussions.

Following the Gillespie mission, the First Consultations took place in Ottawa in 1973 and since that time meetings have been held alternately in Tokyo and in Ottawa. From modest beginnings, the program has matured into a relationship covering approximately thirty projects in areas such as personnel exchange, transportation, environmental studies, space and communications research, agriculture, construction, energy, disaster prevention and basic particle research.