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## JOE CLARK SIGNS GREATLY EXPANDED AIR SERVICES

### AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, today signed a new bilateral air services agreement in a ceremony in Ottawa with His Excellency Mr. Hiroshi Kitamura, Ambassador of Japan.

"This agreement is a breakthrough for business and tourism links that will enable Canada to take better advantage of the dynamic economic opportunities in Japan", Mr. Clark said. Mr. Clark noted in particular that Japan has been identified as the overseas market with the greatest potential for generating increased tourism to Canada. "I am delighted that the agreement will result in new services for Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia and that services to Japan are expected to expand dramatically in the next few years".

Canadian Airlines International will now begin the first non-stop service between Toronto and Tokyo on May 1. It will be operated in a cooperative joint venture with Japan Air Lines. Canadian will also extend some flights beyond Tokyo to Hong Kong on May 1.

On June 23 Canadian will begin non-stop service from Edmonton to Tokyo, marking the first trans-Pacific service to Alberta. Calgary will receive same plane through service via Edmonton to Tokyo. In addition, Canadian will begin service from Vancouver to Nagoya on May 4, which will become the first new destination in Japan.

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