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## MACLAREN ANNOUNCES VISIT OF JAPANESE MINISTER OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY HASHIMOTO

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, today announced that His Excellency Ryutaro Hashimoto, Minister of International Trade and Industry of Japan, will make an official visit to Canada on September 6 and 7.

During his stay, Mr. Hashimoto will meet the Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable André Ouellet, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. MacLaren, and the Honourable John Manley, Minister of Industry.

Mr. MacLaren will review Canada-Japan trade relations, discuss the economic reforms under way in Japan, such as deregulation in areas of the building products market, and emphasize a timely implementation of the results of the Uruguay Round. He will also reiterate Canada's hope that any opening of the Japanese market, as a result of talks with the United States, will be applied on a multilateral basis and not discriminate against Canada.

Mr. Hashimoto's visit immediately precedes framework talks between Japan and the United States to be held in Washington and the upcoming Quadrilateral Trade Ministers' Meeting in Los Angeles.

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