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## SEVENTH CANADA-JAPAN JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING

The Honourable Pat Carney, Minister for International Trade, has announced that the Seventh Canada/Japan Economic Committee (JEC) Meeting will take place in Ottawa April 2-3. The Canadian delegation will be led by Mr. Gerry Shannon, Deputy Minister for International Trade, Department of External Affairs and the Japanese delegation by Mr. Hiroshi Kitamura, Deputy Minister (Economic) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The JEC was established in 1976. It meets at approximately 18-month intervals and brings together senior officials from both sides to discuss bilateral and international economic issues. In the morning plenary on April 2 the two sides will review such matters as trade and investment, financial relations, industrial cooperation, technology transfer and telecommunications relations. In concurrent sectoral sessions in the afternoon discussions will go into further detail on energy and minerals, manufacturing, agriculture and fish and forestry issues. On April 3 there will be a plenary session dealing with international economic policy, the multilateral trade negotiations and trade in agriculture as well as trade relations with other major trading partners.

The Canadian delegation will be bringing to the JEC new areas of promise identified in the Japan strategy approved by Cabinet last November and putting forward ideas for promoting Japanese investment; expanding financial market activity; stimulating technology acquisition and development as well as industrial cooperation; and encouraging tourism.

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