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## CANADA-JAPAN AIR AGREEMENT REACHED

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark and the Minister of Transport, the Honourable Benoît Bouchard, announced today that Canada has reached agreement with Japan on a major expansion of opportunities for new scheduled air services by designated airlines of both countries.

The agreement provides for the first time for non-stop services between Toronto and Tokyo. Canadian Airlines International plans to operate the service, as soon as possible, in a cooperative joint venture with a Japanese airline. Canadian will also be able to extend that service beyond Tokyo to another destination such as Hong Kong, resulting in improved services between Eastern Canada and South East Asia. Canadian also has definite plans for further expansion of its existing services from Vancouver and is considering the possibility of new services from another city in Western Canada.

Mr. Bouchard said, "I am delighted that a substantial expansion of air services between Canada and Japan will now be possible and that, in particular, a non-stop Toronto-Tokyo flight will soon be a reality".

A second city in Japan, such as Nagoya, may be served by airlines of both countries. Osaka will become available for service by Canadian carriers when the new Kansai International Airport opens as anticipated in 1993.

In addition to Japanese airlines services to Toronto, the agreement provides Japan with improved opportunities for expansion of existing services beyond Vancouver. As well, Japan gains a third destination city in Canada to be selected by Japan.

"I am especially pleased that additional Canadian cities will benefit from direct air services to Japan", Mr. Clark said. "I am very optimistic about the positive results for tourism in business links with Canada's largest trading partner in the Pacific."