

improving current processes through thoughtful consideration of these models.

From a Canadian perspective, it is necessary to seriously evaluate methods of establishing and implementing environmental protection legislation. There is no question that financing mechanisms utilized in Japan would prove advantageous to Canadian industry. One of the challenges for Canada will be increasing integration in decision-making between industry, government, and environmentalists so that a balance between the interests of economic growth and environmental protection can be addressed at both local and global levels.

As economic and environmental issues become increasingly interrelated, it is

apparent that solutions to existing problems will only be found after a long and difficult process. Unfortunately, the world does not have the luxury of an infinite amount of time to reach a consensus on common action. At the national level, increased dialogue offers the best chance of arriving at some form of consensus. Internationally, perhaps the two countries, and others, will be able to work together to accomplish something during the UNCED process. In any event, there must be a serious reevaluation of priorities, policies and lifestyles, particularly in the developed world. The National Round Table hopes that activities such as this Canada-Japan workshop contribute to that ongoing process.