

A separate programme is planned for the ladies accompanying the Japanese Delegation, with Mrs. Mitchell Sharp accompanying them on an informal trip to Montreal on Wednesday, and Mrs. Walter Gordon joining them for a visit to Upper Canada Village on Thursday. Mrs. Tshiba will give a dinner on Wednesday evening.

The meetings will conclude with the issuing of a final communiqué, and a press conference to be held in Room 208 of the West Block at 5.00 p.m. Thursday, September 26.

Following the Ministerial Committee meeting, a number of the Japanese participants, including Mr. Akagi and Mr. Fukuda, will visit Toronto and the Niagara Peninsula on Friday, September 27. They will depart from Uplands Airport by D.O.T. Viscount at 9.30 a.m., and flying by way of the St. Lawrence Seaway, will arrive at Toronto's Malton Airport at 11.15 a.m. They will be guests at a luncheon given for them by Premier John Robarts in Toronto. In the afternoon the group will travel by car to Niagara Falls, visiting as well Niagara hydro developments and the Welland Canal, and that evening will be guests at a dinner offered in their honour by the Honourable Judy LaMarsh, Minister of National Health and Welfare, at the city of Niagara Falls.

The Canada-Japan Ministerial Committee was established during the visit to Ottawa of the Prime Minister of Japan in June 1961 when it was agreed by the Canadian and Japanese Prime Ministers that, in view of the increasing importance of Canadian-Japanese relations, Ministers of the two Governments should meet from time to time to exchange views on matters of common interest, particularly in the economic field, and to familiarize themselves with the problems of the other country. The Ministerial Committee was not intended to be a negotiating body.

The first meeting of the Ministerial Committee took place in Tokyo in January 1963. Discussions were held at that time on the trade and economic relations between Canada and Japan as well as on economic matters of an international nature affecting the two countries. It was agreed then that the second meeting would be held in Ottawa.