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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT

TWO JAPANESE FARM TRAINEES UNDER JAPANESE GOVERNMENT SPONSORSHIP WILL ARRIVE IN OTTAWA ON MARCH 30TH TO TAKE PART IN A FARM TRAINING PROGRAMME IN CANADA WHICH HAS BEEN ARRANGED BY THE CANADIAN AND JAPANESE GOVERNMENTS. A FORMAL EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND THE EMBASSY OF JAPAN IN OTTAWA, EMBODYING THE AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH THIS SCHEME WILL OPERATE, TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY.

THE TRAINING PROGRAMME IS BEING ARRANGED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO PROVIDE THESE JAPANESE FARMERS WITH INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCE IN CERTAIN AREAS OF AGRICULTURE WHICH, IT IS HOPED, WILL BE OF ASSISTANCE TO THEM.

THE TWO TRAINEES, MR. SHINTARO HONMA OF NIITSU AND MR. FUMIO TANAKA OF SHIMONOSEKI, WILL SPEND A FEW DAYS IN OTTAWA TAKING PART IN A PRELIMINARY ORIENTATION PROGRAMME WHICH HAS BEEN ORGANIZED BY THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS INTERESTED IN THIS SCHEME TO FAMILIARIZE THEM WITH CANADIAN HABITS AND CUSTOMS AND TO PROVIDE THEM WITH AN OUTLINE OF CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AGRICULTURAL POLICY.

FOLLOWING THIS BRIEFING SESSION THEY WILL PROCEED TO FARMING ASSIGNMENTS IN ONTARIO, PROBABLY IN THE SOUTHWESTERN PART OF THE PROVINCE, WHICH WILL HAVE BEEN ARRANGED FOR THEM BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OF THAT PROVINCE IN COOPERATION WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT. THE TRAINEES WILL WORK ON THESE FARMS SUBJECT TO THE SAME CONDITIONS AS WOULD APPLY TO CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL WORKERS TO ACQUIRE FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF CANADIAN FARMING TECHNIQUES WHICH MAY PROVE USEFUL WHEN THEY RETURN TO JAPAN. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE FARMING SEASON IN NOVEMBER THEY WILL ATTEND RIDGETOWN AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL NEAR CHATHAM, ONTARIO, FOR THE NORMAL WINTER TERM OF STUDIES AND UPON CONCLUSION OF THIS "ACADEMIC" PART OF THE PROGRAMME IN

ADDITION THEY WILL RETURN TO JAPAN