

The Minister will visit Tokyo and Fukuoka in Japan from April 5 to 9, in an effort to support the trade development objectives outlined in Canada's Action Plan for Japan, for the building products, processed food and informatics sectors in particular. He will meet with industry leaders in Fukuoka, and with members of Keidanren (the Federation of Economic Organizations) and Japanese ministers in Tokyo. Mr. MacLaren will lend support to Japan's efforts to deregulate and open its markets to imports, to the benefit of both the country's trading partners and consumers.

Accompanying Mr. MacLaren will be representatives of leading Canadian companies with business interests in the region from the following sectors: telecommunications and information technology; informatics; transportation; nuclear power, oil and gas; agri-food and fish products; pulp and paper; building products; chemicals, financial services; and heavy machinery. A list of the companies is attached.

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