

Airport development project," the Minister noted. To be built on a man made island in Osaka Bay, the \$8.3 billion (Canadian) airport will be linked to the mainland by a 4 km road and rail access bridge. In his meeting with Dr. Yoshio Takeuchi, President of the new Kansai International Airport Company, Mr. Kelleher welcomed the recently implemented procurement policy that reflects a greater willingness to open bidding for this important public works project to foreign participants. "Canada's reputation for building and operating airport facilities equipped to handle a multitude of variable weather and operating conditions is world renowned. Despite difficulties many Canadian companies have encountered in the past in trying to access the Japanese market, I believe that Dr. Takeuchi's commitment to an open-bidding process is very encouraging. I intend, upon my return, to make sure that Canadian firms be made aware of this opportunity and encourage them to participate in this promising project."

In his meetings with the Mayor of Osaka, Mr. Oshima, Civic officials, and executives of the 28,000 member strong Osaka Chamber of Commerce, Minister Kelleher emphasized the Canadian Government's commitment to promote trade, technology transfer and investment with Japan. Mr. Kelleher enthusiastically welcomed the Chamber's expressed interest in a major Investment Mission to Canada in 1987.

The Minister departs today for Seoul to participate in the World Trade Ministers' Meeting in Preparation for the New Round of the Multilateral Trade Negotiations.