

Of particular note has been the opening of two Japanese press bureaux in Toronto (1978-79) - Jiji Press and Nihon Keizai Shimbun - and the establishment of a Southam Press bureau in Tokyo in 1980.

The creation, within the past few years, of various private and official mechanisms has greatly increased personal contacts between Canadians and Japanese, in turn producing a greater awareness of Canada and Canadian objectives in Japan. Given the progress to date, and the potential for the opening of new areas of cooperation in the future, present efforts must be maintained. Prime Minister Ohira's visit to Canada will permit the two countries to review the progress in relations since 1976, when Prime Minister Trudeau held extensive discussions with the Japanese Prime Minister during his visit to Japan. The visit will afford Canada and Japan the opportunity to instill new political momentum and direction for the 1980s.