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Towards a new partnership between Canada and Japan

Following the seventh Canada/Japan Ministerial meetings in Tokyo, Secretary of State for External Affairs Allan J. MacEachen addressed members of the Japanese Press Club on June 25.

The discussions, said Mr. MacEachen, had been "most encouraging" and would lead to a series of exploratory talks between officials of the two countries on subjects including industrial co-operation, resource and energy development, agricultural co-operation and scientific and technological projects.

Part of Mr. MacEachen's speech dealt with Canada's diversification of its international economic relations. Some of his remarks follow:

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Some of you may be aware that, in some quarters, Canada's new foreign policies have been interpreted as being directed "against" the United States. In fact, the reverse is true: it is because our Government wishes to preserve in the future a sound political basis for our close and friendly relations with the United States that we are seeking diversification: for we are convinced that continued economic co-operation with our great neighbour will

only be acceptable to the Canadian public in the long run if it is balanced by closer links with other regions of the world. Indeed, our new policies have generally been received with understanding and sympathy by the Government of the United States. Thus, our new foreign policies are quite similar to your *Takaku Gaiko* — that is, your own "diplomacy for diversification". I stress that it is a new departure: the over-all policy has been worked out, but the manner of execu-



The Japanese Foreign Minister and Mrs. Kiichi Miyazawa welcome Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs, Allan J. MacEachen, accompanied by the Japanese Ambassador

to Canada, Yasuhiko Nara, to a reception on June 23 on the occasion of the seventh meeting of the Japan/Canada Ministerial Committee in Tokyo, June 23 to 24.