

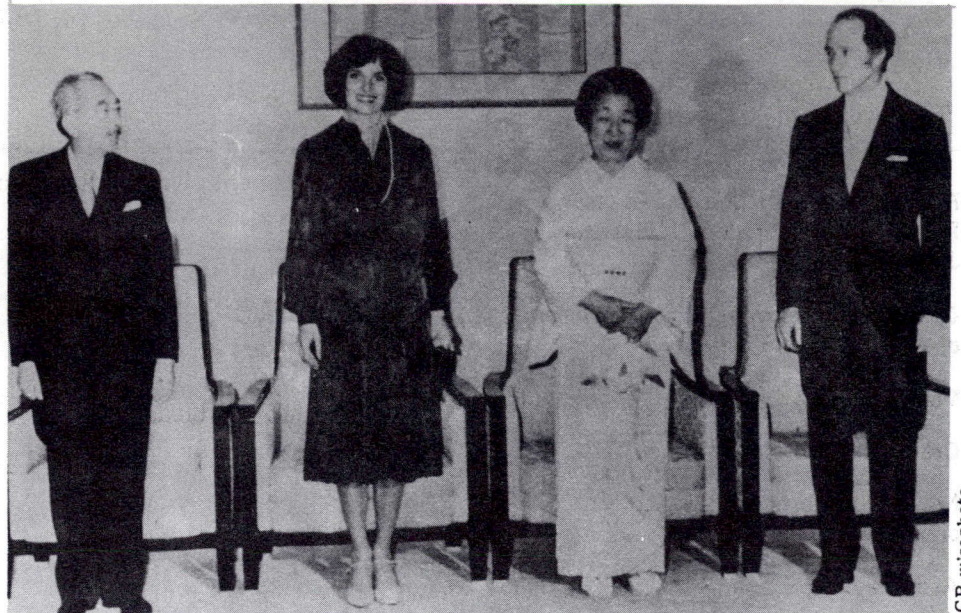
Parliamentarians' League, an association of more than 150 Japanese parliamentarians interested in Canadian affairs.

The Prime Minister also held a luncheon meeting with a group of Japanese businessmen at the Keidanren (the Federation of Economic Organizations), where he had an opportunity to exchange views in a frank manner on future prospects for Canada-Japan economic co-operation.

Honorary doctorate

On October 22, Mr. Trudeau received an honorary doctorate of laws from Keio University, Japan's oldest university. He also formally inaugurated the Canadian studies program in Japan with a presentation of books to the three Japanese universities directly associated with this program. At a reception hosted by Canada's Ambassador to Japan, Bruce Rankin, the Prime Minister presented a hockey trophy, the "Japan-Canada Friendship Cup" to the president of the Japan Ice Hockey Association.

Aside from the official aspects of the visit, the Prime Minister and Mrs.



The Emperor of Japan (left) receives Mr. and Mrs. Trudeau at the Imperial

Palace in Tokyo. The Empress stands next to Mr. Trudeau.

Trudeau spent a weekend in the historical sea coast town of Kanazawa, about 200 miles northwest of Tokyo — one of the first visits to this region by a foreign dignitary. While there, they attended a performance of Noh theatre.

During a luncheon at the Japan National Press Club on the final day in Japan, Mr. Trudeau delivered a major address (see below).

Prior to the departure of the Canadian party, a joint *communiqué*,

Prime Minister Trudeau addresses Japan National Press Club

Prime Minister Trudeau delivered a major address to the Japan National Press Club in Tokyo on October 26. Some of the highlights follow:

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We in Canada, and you in Japan, have looked at one another for a long time by modern diplomatic standards, but often with more polite curiosity than informed interest. Canada first opened a resident embassy in Tokyo in 1929, only the fourth Canadian diplomatic mission in the world.

In the half century that has followed, only the most recent 20 years can be said to have met any measure of the breadth and depth of expectations that had been initially aroused, certainly in Canada and, I suspect, in Japan. Each of us has, I think, been disappointed in that fact, and in the attitude of the other. In recent years, however, we have been challenged to stay abreast of the increased complexity of our relations. Japan has become Canada's second largest trading partner, with an annual value of trade flows approaching

four billion dollars, and one of Canada's largest sources of investment capital....

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Importance of visit

It is in large measure to overcome that insidious indifference that I am here. My visit to Japan is not made as part of a tour of several countries. I am not dropping off here *en route* to or from some other state. I have come to Japan directly from Canada. When I leave this afternoon, I shall return direct to Canada. My Government attaches singular importance to Japan and to the Japanese-Canadian relationship.

For that reason I'm very happy that this past week our two countries signed a "Framework for Economic Co-operation". This event marked the successful conclusion of a negotiation which commenced in 1974 and

which, in some measure, reflects a similar negotiation which Canada recently concluded with the European Community. The framework document sets out agreed objectives and undertakings by each of Canada and Japan designed to facilitate co-operation across a range of economic sectors. I am confident that this new chapter of our economic history will demonstrate increasingly the mutual benefit of our partnership.

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Pleased as I am with the accomplishment of the framework agreement and with the promising potential of our trade and investment patterns, I am nevertheless even more excited with the other dimensions of our relationship — with the cultural agreement that was signed this week, and with the increasing importance which our two governments are attaching to our political consultations. Each of Canada and Japan offer to the other a window into different worlds.

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