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## MAJOR TRADE INITIATIVE IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC AREA

The Canadian Government has launched a major trade initiative in the Asia-Pacific area.

The Minister for International Trade, the Honourable James Kelleher, made the announcement today in Vancouver during an address to the Canada-Korea Business Councils.

Mr. Kelleher explained that the Government has committed an additional \$6.5 million this fiscal year to increase our trade representation in the Pacific Rim. "We are opening a Consulate General in Osaka which will be heavily oriented to trade and the acquisition of technology", Mr. Kelleher said.

The Canadian Government is also sending four more trade commissioners to China, and will be opening a Consulate in Shanghai before the end of the year. "We also have started work on a score of special projects throughout the Asia-Pacific area, and we're considering the merits of several more, including some in Korea", Mr. Kelleher explained.

Referring to the trade initiative that Canada is undertaking with the United States, Mr. Kelleher stated: "Nothing we do with our neighbour to the South will in any way detract from our trading efforts in any other part of the world".

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