

of activities in the arts and academic fields. But, as I have given notice that Canada will now strive to accomplish more than ever in this area vis-à-vis Japan, so I would like to challenge the business communities on both sides of the Pacific to redouble their efforts in support of our academic and cultural relationship.

I hope to discuss later today with Mr. Abe a number of ideas that can be pursued in other areas. I am particularly interested in programs that develop among Canadian and Japanese young people a better understanding and appreciation of each other.

Canadians and their new Government are committed to our Pacific destiny. Our focus on the region has been strong and it will remain strong. We are determined to adopt the appropriate policies to advance social, economic and political cooperation.

Our commitment and determination are not idle words nor are they half-fulfilled ambition.

We have a challenge to devise a clear and a comprehensive strategy that places a sustained and indeed unprecedented emphasis on the Pacific Rim in general and on Japan in particular as cornerstones of both our national and our foreign policies.

In the final analysis, Canada and Japan's economic and political future will depend in large part on our recognizing the extent to which each of us is dependent on the other. We have to find new and imaginative ways of working together which build on a mutual appreciation of common values, common strengths, common aspirations and shared responsibilities. The challenging years ahead will test our ability to find common ground, test our ability to create an environment of shared interests that is more extensive and more profound than exists today, and to find a strength in our very interdependence, to find a strength in our reaching out to the world rather than our turning away from it.