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## CANADIAN MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE VISITS ASIA-PACIFIC

The Minister for International Trade, the Honourable James Kelleher, will visit Japan, Korea and China, May 27-June 6, 1986.

Minister Kelleher's visit will focus on Canada's trade and investment objectives in Asia-Pacific as outlined in Canada's National Trade Strategy, and will build upon the Prime Minister's recent highly successful visit to this region.

The Minister's visits to Japan and China will highlight the recent establishment of Canadian Consulates General in Osaka (Japan) and Shanghai (China) as major Canadian trade initiatives. While there, he will be promoting technology transfer and investment missions, Canadian participation in infrastructure projects, and improved market research on Japanese and Chinese market opportunities during his meetings with key Japanese and Chinese government and private sector representatives.

While in Japan, Minister Kelleher will pursue opportunities for increased public and private sector economic, development and commercial co-operation between Canada and the industrial sectors of Japan.

In China, he will lend support to Canadian private sector efforts in pursuit of specific projects and commercial opportunities there.

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Minister Kelleher's visit to Korea will be to participate in an informal meeting of trade ministers being convened to address the critical issues likely to arise in preparation for the New Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations (MTN). This meeting will be held in September 1986 in PUNTA DEL ESTE Uruguay.

"Of those Asia-Pacific markets identified in the National Trade Strategy as having the greatest potential for Canadian exporters, Japan and China present a wide range of trade challenges and opportunities", Minister Kelleher said. "Building upon this initiative, strongly supported by the private sector and the provinces, the federal government will continue to use all means at its disposal to maximize Canada's trade relations in the Asia-Pacific region".

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