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WORKSHOPS ON ACQUISITION OF FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY  
TO BE HELD ACROSS CANADA  
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The Minister for International Trade, the Honourable Pat Carney, announced that a group of technology officers from Canadian diplomatic missions abroad will travel across Canada from October 13 - 22 to meet Canadian business-people interested in acquiring foreign technological know-how.

This second annual series of workshops is part of the Department of External Affairs' "Technology Inflow Program" (TIP). The program, which started in January, 1986, helps private business, as well as universities and government agencies, acquire technological expertise not currently available in Canada. TIP aims to increase the competitiveness of Canadian firms by helping them ensure that their products include the latest technology and are produced by the most advanced processes. TIP works closely with the National Research Council's Industrial Research Assistance Program, an initiative with closely-related goals.

The purpose of the workshops is to inform Canadian organizations about the program and how they can benefit from it. In addition, for companies that already understand the program, the workshops provide an opportunity to discuss in detail with TIP officers their needs for technological innovation and how TIP can assist them in acquiring foreign technology.

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"Considering the success of last year's workshops, and the increased funding my department recently gave to TIP, I am extremely confident that this cross-country tour by our foreign-based technology officers will help spur much-needed technology transfers into Canada," Miss Carney said. Last month, Miss Carney announced that TIP's funding will be tripled over the next four years.

The schedule of the workshops is:

- ° Ottawa - October 13, 14
- ° Toronto & Montreal - October 15, 16
- ° Quebec City & Moncton - October 19, 20
- ° Winnipeg & Edmonton - October 19, 20
- ° Charlottetown - October 19
- ° Halifax & St. John's - October 21, 22
- ° Saskatoon & Vancouver - October 21, 22

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