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FIRST MEETING OF THE CANADA-JAPAN
SUB-COMMITTEE ON MINERAL AND ENERGY POLICY

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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On September 14 and 15 a group of senior Canadian and Japanese officials will meet in Vancouver to participate in the first meeting of the Canada-Japan Sub-Committee on Mineral and Energy Policy. This sub-committee was established by the sixth meeting of the Japan-Canada Ministerial Committee which was held in Toronto in September 1971. As stated in the communiqué issued at the conclusion of that meeting, the Canadian and Japanese Ministers "agreed to establish a sub-committee on resources and energy matters composed of senior government officials with the objective of keeping under continuous review developments in these sectors".

In recent years, Japan has become an increasingly important purchaser of Canadian mineral industry products, including such items as copper, zinc, lead, nickel, iron ore, coal and uranium. Canadian exports to Japan of such products amounted to \$445,000,000 in 1971 which represents a steady increase since 1969 when these exports amounted to \$320,000,000. It is anticipated that such exports will continue to increase in the future. The sub-committee will discuss various aspects of this important trade between Canada and Japan and will provide an occasion for a useful exchange of views amongst officials regarding recent developments in the resource field in both countries.

The Canadian delegation will consist of Mr. A. E. Ritchie, Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs who will act as Chairman; Mr. J. F. Grandy, Deputy Minister, Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce; Mr. J. Austin, Deputy Minister, Department of Energy, Mines and Resources; and other Canadian government officials. The Japanese delegation will consist of Mr. K. Tsurumi, Deputy Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs who will act as Chairman; His Excellency Mr. A. Nishiyama, Japanese Ambassador to Canada; Mr. H. Toyama, Director General of the Minerals, Oil and Coal Mining Bureau of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry; and other Japanese government officials.