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Honourable Joe Clark,
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PRIME MINISTER, MRS. NAKASONE, PREMIER BENNETT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

YESTERDAY, IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, YOU SPOKE WITH ELOQUENCE AND VISION OF THE CONVERGENCE, ACROSS THE PACIFIC, OF THE BEST OF THE ORIENTAL AND THE OCCIDENTAL WORLDS. HERE, IN VANCOUVER, THOSE TRADITIONS COME TOGETHER, IN A CITY AND A REGION WHICH DRAWS MUCH OF ITS PAST, AND SEES MORE OF ITS FUTURE, IN RELATIONS WITH ASIA AND THE PACIFIC RIM.

THE GREAT SUCCESS OF YOUR LEADERSHIP OF MODERN JAPAN IS THAT YOU HAVE LINKED TRADITIONS TO TOMORROW. YOUR JAPAN IS PROUD OF ITS PAST, BUT IS NOT ITS PRISONER. FROM A SOLID BASE, YOU REACH OUT. THAT IS ALSO THE SPIRIT OF THIS WESTERN PART OF CANADA, AND HELPS EXPLAIN BOTH THE WARMTH OF YOUR WELCOME HERE, AND THE CONVICTION THAT JAPAN AND CANADA ARE NATURAL ALLIES IN BUILDING A MODERN WORLD WHICH IS MORE FREE, MORE PROSPEROUS, AND SAFER FOR OUR CHILDREN.

YOU HAVE EXPLAINED THAT THE MODERN CHALLENGE FOR JAPAN IS TO ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUAL ASPIRATION IN A SOCIETY WHERE HARMONY IS SO RESPECTED. BY CONTRAST, THE MODERN CANADIAN CHALLENGE IS TO INSPIRE A SENSE OF COMMON PURPOSE IN A LAND DEFINED BY DIVERSITY. ONE WAY WE DO THAT IS TO DIRECT OUR NATIONAL POLICY

TO REFLECT REAL REGIONAL PRIORITIES. AND SO, OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, THE INTEREST IN THE PACIFIC RIM, WHICH IS SECOND NATURE IN WESTERN CANADA, HAS BECOME DELIBERATELY A NATIONAL PRIORITY FOR ALL OF CANADA.

MANY OF THE PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM PLAY CENTRAL ROLES IN BUILDING CANADA'S PACIFIC PRIORITY. MANY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CANADA-JAPAN SOCIETY, THE VANCOUVER BOARD OF TRADE, THE ASIA PACIFIC FOUNDATION, THE JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND THE MOKUYOKAI CLUB HAVE OPENED THE WAY. PREMIER BENNETT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, AND HIS MINISTERS, HAVE TRAVELLED FREQUENTLY TO JAPAN, AND THROUGHOUT ASIA, OPENING CHANNELS, AND CREATING OPPORTUNITIES. THE MINISTER OF ENERGY, PAT CARNEY, ORGANIZED WESTERN CANADA'S FIRST PACIFIC RIM OPPORTUNITIES CONFERENCE IN VANCOUVER. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF VANCOUVER HAVE TWINNED THE CITY WITH YOKOHAMA.

A YEAR AGO, THE PRIME MINISTER AND I AGREED THAT, FOR MY FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT ABROAD AS FOREIGN MINISTER OF CANADA'S NEW AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, I WOULD GO TO JAPAN. I REMEMBER AND APPRECIATE, THE WELCOME YOU EXTENDED ME THEN, AND THE EXTRAORDINARY WAY IN WHICH YOU, AND PRIME MINISTER MULRONEY HAVE WORKED TOGETHER, AT THE BONN SUMMIT, ON TRADE, IN RESPONSE TO THE FAMINE IN AFRICA, AND ON PROSPECTS FOR THE GENEVA MEETING BETWEEN MR. REAGAN AND MR. GORBACHEV.

PRIME MINISTER, WE ARE CONSCIOUS OF YOUR DECISION, IN THE YEAR THAT YOU HOST THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT, TO COME FIRST TO CANADA AS YOU PREPARE FOR THAT HISTORIC MEETING. YOUR CONVERSATIONS WITH MR. MULRONEY HAVE LED TO AGREEMENTS AS TO THE GOALS OUR COUNTRIES WILL PURSUE TOGETHER, AT THE SUMMIT, AND IN FIGHTING FOR A FREER WORLD TRADING SYSTEM.

FOR CANADA, 1986 IS THE YEAR OF ASIA. WE ARE OPENING NEW TRADE OFFICES IN OSAKA AND BOMBAY AND SHANGHAI. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY, CANADA WILL HOST THE PACIFIC ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION CONFERENCE IN VANCOUVER IN THE FALL. OUR PRIME MINISTER WILL PLAY HIS ACTIVE ROLE IN THE TOKYO SUMMIT, AND THEN GO ON TO OFFICIAL VISITS IN JAPAN AND CHINA AND KOREA. AND WE WELCOME THE WORLD TO THIS PACIFIC CITY OF VANCOUVER TO CELEBRATE EXPO '86, A SPECTACULAR EXPOSITION OF THE NEW FRONTIERS OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION.

THERE COULD BE NO BETTER BEGINNING THAN TO HAVE YOU HERE TO LAUNCH THIS YEAR WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND TO OUR PACIFIC REGION. YOUR COUNTRY IS RESPECTED HERE, AS A STRONG DEMOCRACY, AS AN ECONOMIC POWER HOUSE, AS A NATURAL ALLY, AND AS A MODEL OF THE WAY TO MASTER THE FUTURE.

AND YOU SIR, IN THESE LAST FEW DAYS, HAVE INCREASED THE LARGE CIRCLE OF ADMIRERS OF ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL STATES OF THE MODERN WORLD. YOUR COMMITMENT, YOUR SKILL, YOUR ABILITY TO

BRIDGE DIFFERENT WORLDS, HAVE WON YOU THE WIDEST RESPECT.
WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE YOU HERE IN CANADA AND VANCOUVER.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, ON BEHALF OF MY PRIME MINISTER,
I INVITE YOU TO RISE AND TOAST PRIME MINISTER AND MRS.
NAKASONE, TO WISH THEM BON VOYAGE, AND TO EXPRESS OUR
HOPE THAT THEY WILL COME TO CANADA AGAIN.