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## Joint Communiqué

Second Meeting of the Canada-Japan Ministerial Committee  
Ottawa, September 26

The second meeting of the Canada-Japan Ministerial Committee was held in Ottawa, on September 25 and 26, 1963.

Japan was represented at this meeting by the Hon. Munenori Akagi, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Hon. Kakuei Tanaka, Minister of Finance, Hon. Hajime Fukuda, Minister of International Trade and Industry, Mr. Shigenobu Shima, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs and Mr. Nobuhiko Ushiba, Japanese Ambassador to Canada.

Canada was represented by the Hon. Paul Martin, Secretary of State for External Affairs, Hon. Walter L. Gordon, Minister of Finance, Hon. Mitchell Sharp, Minister of Trade and Commerce, Hon. Harry W. Hays, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. H.J. Robichaud, Minister of Fisheries, and Mr. R.P. Bower, Canadian Ambassador to Japan.

The Ministers of the two countries exchanged views on international problems of common concern, particularly on the world situation after the signing of the partial test-ban treaty, and the present situation in Asia. In view of the joint efforts Japan and Canada have made in advocating the cessation of nuclear testing, the Ministers welcomed the signing of the recent partial test-ban treaty. The Committee hoped that through maintaining close co-operation among the free nations further efforts would be made among the countries concerned to lessen international tension by such means as measures to prevent surprise attacks and by realizing general and complete disarmament with effective international verification. The Committee expressed concern over the unstable situation in Asia, and agreed that Japan and Canada, two neighbouring countries across the Pacific, would co-operate to further stability and welfare in this part of the world. Ministers also reaffirmed their conviction that the United Nations

would continue to play an important role in solving international problems. They expressed the hope that at the present session of the General Assembly measures would be taken to improve the financial position of the United Nations.

The Committee also discussed world economic problems of mutual interest to Japan and Canada. The Ministers of the two countries agreed on the importance of the forthcoming multilateral trade negotiations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. They exchanged views on the trade relations of their respective countries with other countries. With regard to the current expansion in Canadian wheat exports, the Ministers reconfirmed the importance of Japan as one of the most stable traditional markets for Canadian wheat. Canadian Ministers welcomed the accession of Japan to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. The Japanese Ministers expressed their appreciation for the support extended by the Canadian Government to Japan's accession to the OECD. The Ministers of the two countries expressed the hope that co-operation between Japan and Canada would be strengthened through their joint participation in this Organization.

The Committee recognized the importance of continued international efforts to assist the economic development of less developed countries, and Ministers of the two countries described their own programmes of assistance. They emphasized the importance of increased trading opportunities for the developing countries.

The Committee had full discussions on the present trade and economic relations between the two countries. The Committee noted the importance of their mutual trade and agreed that there were good prospects for the further expansion of mutually advantageous trade in both directions. It noted that the opportunities for Japan to expand its sales to Canada would further be improved by diversification of commodities particularly in products which would not compete with Canadian production. It also noted the progress which had been made in Japan's import liberalization programme, and looked forward to the further opportunities which would be developed for Canadian sales as the liberalization programme went forward. The Committee also recognized the contribution to closer trade relations that could result

from joint ventures in business investment.

The Committee agreed that the methods of negotiation concerning the restraint of some Japanese exports to Canada should be further improved so as to reduce the time required for the negotiations.

The Ministers of the two countries outlined the economic situation and prospects in their countries. They explained the policies which each Government was pursuing in order to promote economic growth.

The Ministers of the two countries exchanged views on fisheries problems, and became better acquainted with the basic positions of their respective governments on the conservation and development of fishery resources.

The Committee welcomed the forthcoming talks in Ottawa on an agreement for the avoidance of double taxation between Japan and Canada, and expressed the hope that an early conclusion would be reached and that the agreement would strengthen economic relations between the two countries.

The Ministers of the two countries expressed their satisfaction with the contribution of meetings of the Committee towards better understanding between Japan and Canada.

The Committee accepted the invitation of the Japanese Government to hold the next meeting in Tokyo.