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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNSELLORS TO BRIEF
CANADIAN BUSINESS AND SCIENCE COMMUNITY ON USE OF
LATEST INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

International Trade Minister John C. Crosbie today announced that Science and Technology Counsellors from the Department of External Affairs will travel across Canada from February 6-16, to brief senior business, academic and government representatives about the latest developments in international technology.

The Counsellors are based in our embassies in Tokyo, Washington, London, Paris, Bonn, Brussels, The Hague and the European Community. Their role is to monitor scientific and technological developments overseas and to outline the usefulness of these developments for Canada.

The Counsellors will tour 12 Canadian cities in order to heighten awareness of the dynamic role the government's Science and Technology Counsellor Network can play in helping Canadian industry acquire foreign technological know-how. Each Counsellor will also review major technology policy and programme developments in the individual countries where they are posted.

"Our Counsellors are an excellent resource for Canadian companies and researchers interested in joint ventures and other cooperative initiatives in the area of R & D," said Mr. Crosbie.

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A series of follow-up workshops will be held across the country in March. The workshops will focus on how Canadian companies can obtain up-to-date foreign technology information that will help them increase their productivity and competitive position.

Meetings with the Science and Technology Counselor teams will begin in Ottawa on February 6-8 and continue in Toronto February 9, Montreal February 10, Vancouver and St. John's, Newfoundland on February 13, Edmonton, Charlottetown and Halifax on February 14, Saskatoon, Quebec City and Fredericton on February 15, and Winnipeg February 16.

The meetings are being coordinated through the DEA International Trade Centres in each province in collaboration with Industry, Science and Technology Canada offices.

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