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VISIT TO JAPAN BY THE MINISTER

FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE

The Honourable Pat Carney, Minister for International Trade, will make an official visit to Japan between November 22 - 28, 1986. This is her first overseas bilateral visit as Minister for International Trade and it underlines the importance Canada accords to its relationship with Japan.

The Minister will review Canada-Japan economic relations with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Kuranari, and will raise with him the crucial nature of the Multilateral Trade Negotiations to the future of global trade.

In her talks with the Minister of International Trade and Industry, Mr. Tamura, Miss Carney will be promoting Canadian reliability and competitiveness as a supplier to the Japanese market, and will express Canadian interest in increasing Japanese direct investment in Canada. She will also discuss access to Japanese markets for Canadian exports.

Miss Carney will raise issues affecting Canadian lumber exports to Japan with the Minister of Construction, Mr. Amano. She will also discuss with the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Mr. Kato, the importance of agriculture in global trade and the need for a satisfactory resolution to agricultural issues both bilaterally and within the Multilateral Trade Negotiations.

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The Minister will be giving a major address on Canada-Japan trade to the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Japan and the Canada-Japan Society, and will attend investment seminars in Tokyo and Osaka at the invitation of members of the important Japanese Economic Mission to Canada in October.

Miss Carney will be inaugurating the Canadian Consulate General in Osaka, established to promote sales of Canadian goods and services, to encourage greater investment in Canada and to assist in the transfer of technology between Canadian and Japanese companies.

An official Canadian delegation will assist the Minister on her visit. Included in the delegation are Mr. Bill Kempling, M.P. for Burlington and Chairman of the Canada-Japan Parliamentary Association, and Mr. Robert Blanchard, representing the International Woodworkers of America. A number of senior business people will also be accompanying her. (See attached list.)

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OFFICIAL CANADIAN DELEGATION

Bill Kempling, M.P. (Burlington) Chairman/Canada-Japan Parliamentary Association

David Culver President and Chief Executive Officer Alcan Aluminum Ltd. Chairman Canada-Japan Business Cooperation Committee

Bill Breen Senior Vice-President, Operations Cognos Incorporated

Dr. Giacome Capobianco Vice-President, Coal Department Esso Resources Chairman Coal Association of Canada

Hugh Mah President International Geosystems Corporation

Robert Blanchard First Vice-President Canadian Region No. 1 International Woodworkers of America

Arthur Hara Chairman of the Board Mitsubishi Canada

James Dodds Director International Marketing Mobile Data International

Charles S. Coffey Vice-President, Corporation and Government Banking -Ontario Royal Bank of Canada

Clive Roberts President Seaboard Lumber Sales Co. Ltd. representative of the Canadian Export Association

Bob Bostrom Sales, Communication Sydney Development Corporation

Steve Probyn Vice-President, Corporate Finance Wood Gundy Inc.