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JAPAN/CANADA MINISTERIAL MEETING

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, announced today in Ottawa the agenda for the Sixth Japan/Canada Ministerial Meeting to be held at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, September 13 and 14. The agenda is as follows:

- Item 1 - International Situation
- Item 2 - Economic Situation and Prospects in Canada and Japan
- Item 3 - International Trade and Economic Developments
 - (a) International Finance
 - (b) International Trade, and
 - (c) International Development, including Aid and Preferences to Developing Countries
- Item 4 - Bilateral Trade and Economic Relations
 - (a) Bilateral Trade
 - (b) Energy Matters and Mineral Resources
 - (c) Investment and Capital Flows
- Item 5 - Other Business
 - (a) Agriculture
 - (b) Science and Technology Exchange
 - (c) Environmental Questions
 - (d) Agreement on Joint Communiqué and next meeting of Committee

The Japanese delegation, led by Foreign Minister Takeo Fukuda, will arrive at Toronto International Airport by Canadian Government aircraft at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, September 11. Accompanying Mr. Fukuda will be Minister of Finance, the Hon. Mikio Mizuta; Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, the Hon. Munenori Akagi; Minister of International Trade and Industry, the Hon. Kakuei Tanaka; and Economic Planning Minister Toshio Kimura. The Ministers will be accompanied by their wives and a number of senior Japanese officials.

Canada will be represented at the Meeting by Mr. Sharp, as Chairman; the Hon. E. J. Benson, Minister of Finance; the Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce; the Hon. J. J. Greene, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources; the Hon. H. A. Olson, Minister of Agriculture; and the Hon. Ron Basford, Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

On Sunday, September 12, the Japanese party will travel to Niagara Falls and will be guests at a luncheon hosted jointly by the Canadian and Ontario Governments. On Sunday evening, Mr. Sharp will host a welcoming reception for the visiting Japanese Ministers. On Wednesday, September 15, the Japanese delegation will travel to Vancouver, where they will remain overnight before returning to Japan on Thursday the 16th.

The Meeting will be the sixth of its kind since the Committee was established during a visit to Canada in 1961 by the Prime Minister of Japan. Its first meeting took place in Tokyo in January 1963, and it has alternated between capitals ever since, the last meeting (the fifth) taking place once more in Tokyo. The meeting in Toronto will be the first to take place outside of a national capital.

The opening session, which will be open to the public, will be at 10:00 a.m., Monday, September 13, in the Confederation Room of the Royal York Hotel. Although the remainder of the meeting will be closed, press briefings will be given twice daily on Monday and Tuesday. The final press conference will be at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 14 in the Confederation Room, Royal York Hotel.