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THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
TO TRAVEL TO TOKYO AND JAKARTA

JULY 9 TO 14, 1984

The Honourable Jean Chrétien, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced today that he will be making an official visit to Japan from July 9 to 11 and he will be representing Canada at the annual Post-Ministerial Meeting of ASEAN Foreign Ministers with Dialogue Partners in Jakarta, Indonesia, on July 12 and 13.

During his stay in Tokyo, Mr. Chrétien will be received by Prime Minister Nakasone and will participate in the fourth annual Canada/Japan Foreign Ministers' Consultations with Mr. Shintaro Abe. The discussion will focus on a wide range of bilateral and multilateral issues. Mr. Chrétien will also meet with Economic Planning Minister Komoto.

Mr. Chrétien said that his trip to Tokyo and Jakarta will further emphasize the importance Canada attaches to enhancing its links westward across the Pacific.

ASEAN, which came into existence as a regional organization in 1967, comprises Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Brunei, which joined the Association in 1984. The Association has established formal relations or "Dialogues" with six partners (Australia, Canada, the European Community, Japan, New Zealand and the United States). During the annual meeting, the ASEAN Foreign Ministers will meet both individually and collectively with their "Dialogue" Partners.

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Mr. Chrétien will have a bilateral meeting with USA Secretary of State George Shultz in Jakarta as part of the quarterly consultative meetings between the Canadian and American Foreign Ministers. This meeting is expected to cover several key bilateral and multilateral issues.

Mr. Chrétien noted that the trip will enable him to meet with a large number of foreign ministers including those from Canada's two largest trading partners, the six ASEAN countries, Australia, and Papua New Guinea, as well as with the Defence Minister of New Zealand.