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### CANADA PROVIDES \$1.4 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR JOINT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH WITH JAPAN

Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade Michael Wilson, and Secretary of State for External Affairs Barbara McDougall today announced that \$1.4 million in funding has been made available for joint Canada-Japan science and technology research.

The funding will be used for studies of the Arctic climate, global warming and anti-cancer compounds, among others. These activities are part of the growing collaboration between Canadian and Japanese researchers under the Japan Science and Technology Fund (JSTF), an initiative established in 1989 by Canada to promote technological ties between the two countries.

The Canadian participants are Dr. W.R. Peltier of the University of Toronto, Dr. Denis Gingras of the National Optics Institute, Dr. Louis Legendre of Laval University, Drs. William Shaw and Skip McKinnell of the Pacific Biological Station in Nanaimo, B.C., and Dr. R.G. Micetich at SynPhar Laboratories in Edmonton.

Mr. Wilson and Mrs. McDougall said they were confident that the research carried out by these organizations would result in enhanced bilateral co-operation in science and technology research and would ensure Canada remained at the forefront of such research.

"The Japan Science and Technology Fund has proven to be a valuable tool in enhancing Canada's international competitiveness," said Mr. Wilson. "Such research is crucial if Canada is to expand and enhance its trade readiness."

"The JSTF is filling identifiable gaps in Canada's scientific and technological capabilities and helping to meet our long-term and industrial trade interests," said Mrs. McDougall. "This kind of research gives substance to our efforts to diversify our relationship with Japan."

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