

CHRONOLOGY OF INITIATIVES
BY THE CANADIAN COUNCIL OF CHIEF EXECUTIVES (CCCE)*
ON THE CANADA-JAPAN ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP
1990 - 2006

- October 1990 Council Mission to Japan encourages broader cooperation and closer economic linkages between Canada and Japan.
- May 1991 Meetings with Japanese business leaders in Tokyo and Osaka, coinciding with the opening of Canada's new Embassy Chancery in Tokyo.
- Release of Council report titled *Beckoning Opportunities: Toward a Stronger Canada-Japan Economic Relationship*. The report recommends that Canada attach a higher priority to its relationship with Japan and notes that the two countries "have important converging interests in many areas."
- September 1996 Council hosts visit to Canada of Dr. Soichiro Toyoda, Chairman of Nippon Keidanren.
- September 1996 Business Partnership Mission to Canada led by Koichiro Ejiri, Advisor, Japan-Canada Economic Committee, Nippon Keidanren.
- November 1998 Council Mission to Tokyo and Osaka, including meetings with the Minister of International Trade and Industry and the Minister of Foreign Affairs.
- September 1999 Council delegation participates in Team Canada mission to Japan led by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien.
- May 2000 23rd Annual Canada-Japan Business Conference, in Tokyo.
- Release of Council presentation: *Forging a Dynamic Canada-Japan Trade and Investment Strategy for the Third Millennium*.
- May 2001 24th Annual Canada-Japan Business Conference, in Calgary, Alberta.
- Release of Council presentation: *Confronting Outdated Stereotypes: The Need for Momentum in the Canada-Japan Economic Relationship*.
- May 2001 Council assumes business leadership role on Canada-Japan issues and responsibilities of the Canada-Japan Business Committee.

* Prior to 2001, the Canadian Council of Chief Executives was known as the Business Council on National Issues

- June 2001 Council Chief Executive and President Thomas d'Aquino delivers an address to the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Japan titled *Canada and Japan in a Globalized World: The Merits of a Transpacific Partnership Agreement*.
- May 2002 Council Mission to Tokyo and 25th and final meeting of the Canada-Japan Business Conference.

Release of Council presentation: *Canada and Japan: Partnering for Growth and Opportunity in a Challenging Environment*.
- September 2002 Hiroyuki Yoshino, Chairman of Nippon Keidanren's Committee on Canada, participates in the Council's Autumn Members' Meeting in Calgary, Alberta.
- July 2003 Council hosts luncheon in Ottawa in honour of Naoki Tanaka, Advisor to Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi.
- November 2003 Representatives of the Council and Nippon Keidanren meet in Montreal.
- September 2004 Following meetings with officials of Nippon Keidanren in Tokyo, Council Chief Executive and President Thomas d'Aquino writes to Prime Minister Paul Martin on the need for a new Canada-Japan strategy.
- January 2005 Visit by Prime Minister Martin to Japan and launch of the Canada-Japan Economic Framework.
- October/November 2005 Nippon Keidanren-CCCE conference in Toronto to discuss progress on the Canada-Japan Economic Framework and next steps for business and government.

Release of Keidanren-CCCE joint statement urging both governments to sign the Canada-Japan Economic Framework.
- November 2005 Prime Minister Martin and Prime Minister Koizumi sign the Canada-Japan Economic Framework during the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Leaders' Meeting in Busan, Korea. The Framework includes an agreed list of 15 priority areas of cooperation and the terms of reference of a Joint Study to assess the need for more bilateral trade and investment.
- June 2006 Council delegation meets with Prime Minister Koizumi during his official visit to Ottawa and presents the Prime Minister with a memorandum recommending broader and deeper cooperation.