



Recent Japan-Canada Economic Cooperation



- Japan, under the “New Growth Strategy”, plans on promoting the green innovation and other key areas, and reinforcing science and technology as a base for this plan. Canada is focused on innovation as a way to promote science and technology oriented for industrialization.
- Public-Private Partnerships are important for the promotion of Japan-Canada Economic Cooperation.

(1) Innovation Cooperation

Nanotechnology

- Feb to Apr 2009, a nanotechnology mission consisting of a joint industry-government-academia team was mutually dispatched.
- Feb 2009, Quebec’s Ministry of Economic Development, Innovation and Exports funded NPO “NanoQuébec” and Nagano Techno Foundation sign a partnership agreement.
- June 29, 2010, Shinshu University signs a partnership agreement with the University of Montreal, Concordia University and others.
- The importance of cooperation in the technical committee (TC229) for developing standards of the nanotechnology field was shared between Japan and Canada.

CCS (Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage)

- Sep 2009, Public-Private joint CCS mission sent to Canada from Japan.
- Feb 2010, Saskatchewan government operated power company, SaskPower and Sojitz Corporation sign a memorandum of understanding on joint study of CCS .
- May 2010, the government of Saskatchewan reaches an agreement with Hitachi Ltd. with cooperation on the development of energy and environmental technologies such as renewable energy and the smart grid.



Life Sciences

- Oct 2008, Japan-Canada Cluster Seminar was hosted by the Canadian Embassy in Japan.
- Oct 2008, Institute for Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering, University of Toronto, signs memorandum with the Center for iPS Cell Research and Application (CiRA) regarding stem cell research (excludes content on intellectual property).
- Feb 2010, University of Ottawa signs a cooperative agreement for academic exchange with Shiga University of Medical Sciences and Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology.

(2) Improving Business Environments

Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Pilot Program (2009.10.1)

The Japan Patent Office (JPO) and the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) commenced the PPH pilot program. The purpose of the PPH is to facilitate a scheme to fast track the application process by referring to the examination results already done in the other country.



Japan Canada AEO Program Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA)(2010.6)

The AEO (Authorized Economic Operator) program allows freight transport operators that have been certified for security management and legal compliance to undergo simplified and fast-tracked customs proceedings. This arrangement will contribute to furthering secure and facilitated trade between the two countries.

Expansion of the Transport Network

- From of Mar 2010, operation of 3 flights a week from Narita to Calgary started (summer time only).
- New framework was created so that both Canadian and Japanese airlines can operate a daily regular flight (up to 7 flights a week) between Haneda and Canada (Vancouver or Toronto) during the night time and early morning hours (22:00-7:00) after Oct 2010.

(3) Canada’s Asia Focused Initiatives

Asia-Pacific Gateway Strategy

• In order to expand trade relations, the government of Canada and provinces upgrade the network of ports, roads and airports in British Columbia that face the Pacific and lead inland. There is an investment plan for 7 years from 2009 of 33 billion Canadian Dollars.

Western Economic Partnership and 3 Premiers Visit

• Apr 2010, Western Economic Partnership was signed among the government of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan to upgrade and streamline inter-state standards and regulations. 3 Premiers visited Japan in May 2010.