

## CANADA IN THE WORLD, AND IN JAPAN

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THANK YOU FOR THE INVITATION. THERE ARE THREE REASONS THAT I AM VERY PLEASED TO BE HERE: 1. I HAVE BEEN FRIENDS WITH DR. IINO FOR MANY YEARS, WHO IS VERY ACTIVE ON CANADA-JAPAN RELATIONS. 2. AS A DIPLOMAT, I AM ALWAYS HAPPY TO SPEAK TO JAPANESE ABOUT CANADA. 3. I AM ESPECIALLY HAPPY TO SPEAK TO YOU IN ENGLISH.

WHAT IS CANADA FOR THE JAPANESE PEOPLE?

- GEOGRAPHY: SECOND LARGEST LAND MASS; ROCKIES, NIAGARA, BANK AND LAKE LOUISE; MAYBE THE GREAT LAKES; OCEANS ON THREE SIDES, EAST, WEST AND NORTH; A LAND MASS 27 TIMES THE SIZE OF JAPAN;
- SAFE, FRIENDLY COUNTRY, ONE OF THE MOST RESPECTED IN THE WORLD, ACCORDING TO ECONOMIST MAGAZINE, FOR EXAMPLE;

- CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, BUT GREATER DIPLOMATIC INDEPENDENCE THAN THAT ENJOYED BY JAPAN; CANADA DID NOT PARTICIPATE, FOR EXAMPLE, IN US WARS IN VIETNAM AND IRAQ;
- LOTS OF NATURAL RESOURCES: EVERY METAL AND MINERAL THAT THE EARTH KEEPS WITHIN IT, A HUGE AMOUNT OF FRESH WATER, IMMENSE AGRICULTURAL LANDS;
- A BEAUTIFUL SERENE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, WITH LARGE NUMBERS OF FREE RANGE WILD ANIMALS, THE RIVERS AND LAKES FULL OF FISH, IMMEDIATE ACCESS BY ALL CANADIANS TO A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT;
- A LAND ORIGINALLY OF PEOPLES FROM ASIA, WHO POPULATED THE AMERICAS, BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF EUROPEANS BEGINNING IN THE 16<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY, AND NOW RECEIVING IMMIGRANTS FROM EVERY COUNTRY ON THE PLANET;
- MAYBE MANY OF YOU KNOW THAT CANADA HAS TWO NATIONAL LANGUAGES, FRENCH AND ENGLISH, BECAUSE THE FIRST EUROPEANS TO ARRIVE WERE THE FRENCH, FOLLOWED BY THE ENGLISH AND MANY AMERICANS WHO

LEFT AMERICA AFTER THE REVOLUTION OF 1776. BUT GIVEN IMMIGRATION, CANADA'S THIRD LANGUAGE IS CHINESE: MORE THAN 1 MILLION CANADIANS SPEAK EITHER MANDARIN, OR OTHER CHINESE LANGUAGES SUCH AS CANTONESE OR SHANGHAI-ESE;

PERHAPS MOST OF YOU KNOW THESE FACTS. TODAY, I WANT TO ADD TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, AND EXPLAIN TO YOU WHY CANADA IS IMPORTANT TO JAPAN.

I ALSO WANT TO TELL YOU HOW CANADA CAN HELP SHAPE YOUR FUTURE. SOME OF YOU WILL SPEND ALL OF YOUR LIVES IN JAPAN, ON THE JAPANESE ISLANDS, BUT I EXPECT THAT MOST OF YOU WILL TRAVEL ABROAD, SOME OF YOU WILL STUDY ABROAD, SOME OF YOU WILL LIVE ABROAD, AND SOME OF YOU MAY EMIGRATE AND SPEND MOST OF YOUR LIFE OUTSIDE JAPAN.

I WANT YOU TO REMEMBER AT LEAST ONE THING FROM TODAY'S LECTURE: I WANT YOU TO THINK OF CANADA AS THE WAY FOR YOU TO BECOME AN INTERNATIONALLY

COMMITTED JAPANESE CITIZEN. I WANT CANADA TO BE THE FIRST STOP ON YOUR INTERNATIONAL JOURNEY. I HOPE TO CAPTURE YOUR IMAGINATION, SO THAT CANADA BECOMES THE FIRST STEP IN YOUR PERSONAL INTERNATIONALIZATION.

SO WHAT IS THIS CANADA?

IT IS LARGE: ALMOST 10,000,000 SQUARE KILOMETERS. JAPAN IS ONLY 375,000 SQUARE KILOMETERS. ONLY RUSSIA IS LARGER THAN CANADA, WITH CHINA, BRAZIL AND THE USA IN THIRD, FORTH AND FIFTH PLACE.

IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE FIRST HUMANS TO INHABIT THE ISLANDS OF JAPAN, WERE DISTANTLY RELATED TO THE FIRST HUMANS WHO INHABITED THE AMERICAS. IN BOTH CASES, ACCORDING TO ARCHEOLOGISTS AND PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGISTS, PEOPLES SETTLED IN JAPAN AND THE AMERICAS MAYBE 25,000 YEARS AGO, FROM ASIA. FROM NORTH TO SOUTH AMERICA, THEY DEVELOPED DIFFERENT SOCIETIES AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS. BY THE 15<sup>TH</sup>

CENTURY, THE END OF SENGOKU JIDAI IN JAPAN, JUST IN WHAT IS NOW CANADA, THERE WERE PERHAPS 250,000 NATIVE PEOPLE, SEPARATED IN 11 MAJOR LANGUAGE GROUPS, LIVING IN SEVEN ZONES: THE MIGRATORY TRIBES OF EASTERN WOODLANDS, THE AGRICULTURAL TRIBES OF CENTRAL CANADA; THE PLAINS' TRIBES, THE TRIBES OF THE PACIFIC COAST; THE TRIBES OF THE CORDILLERA; THE TRIBES OF THE MACKENZIE AND YUKON RIVER SYSTEMS; AND THE INUIT OF THE FAR NORTH.

EVEN TODAY, THERE ARE 630 FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT CANADA, WITH THEIR OWN RIGHTS, THEIR LAND AND IN SOME CASES, A GREAT DEAL OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN THEIR TERRITORIES.

BUT THEN WE COME TO THE 16TH CENTURY, THE AGE OF EUROPEAN EXPLORATION, THE SPANISH WENT SOUTH AND DISCOVERED THE CARRIBEAN AND SOUTH AMERICA; THE ENGLISH WENT NORTH IN THE SEARCH FOR THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE TO CHINA; AND THE FRENCH TRAVELLED DIRECTLY ACROSS THE ATLANTIC AND

DISCOVERED WHAT BECAME THE ST LAURENCE GULF AND RIVER. THE FRENCH EXPORERS AND COLONISTS EXPANDED THEIR PRESENCE IN THE ST LAURENCE REGION OVER 150 YEARS, THUS ESTABLISHING THE FRENCH LANGUAGE AND FRENCH LAW AND TRADITIONS, AND EVENTUALLY, FRENCH CANADIAN CULTURE IN NORTH AMERICA.

I AM A PRODUCT OF THIS MOVEMENT FROM FRANCE TO CANADA. MY ANCESTORS TRAVELLED FROM NORTH WEST FRANCE TO CANADA IN 1634, DURING THE KWAN-EI ERA OF EMPEROR MYOSHOU, AND THE TOKUGAWA SHOGUN IEMITSU. THE FIRST CARON WAS A SOLDIER, WHO WAS SENT TO CANADA ON THE ORDERS OF KING LOUIS 13<sup>TH</sup>. PROBABLY, I AM THE 17<sup>TH</sup> GENERATION OF THE CARON FAMILY FROM FRANCE.

BUT THE FRENCH COLONISTS WERE LESS NUMEROUS THAN THE ENGLISH COLONISTS IN WHAT IS TODAY THE UNITED STATES, AND IN 1759, DURING THE SEVEN YEARS WAR IN EUROPE, AND THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WARS IN NORTH AMERICA, THE FRENCH COLONY WAS CAPTURED BY BRITAIN.

SO CANADA BECAME A BRITISH COLONY, DURING THE ERA OF EMPEROR MOMOZONO AND TOKUGAWA IESHIGE.

IN 1867, ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS THE MEIJI RESTORATION, CANADA BECAME A SELF-GOVERNING COUNTRY. WE CELEBRATE 1867 AS THE YEAR OF OUR FOUNDING AS A NATION, BUT WE ALSO RECALL OUR COLONIAL PAST, AND THUS CANADIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS MUST REFLECT BOTH OUR FRENCH AND ENGLISH HERITAGE, BY BEING ABLE TO SPEAK BOTH FRENCH AND ENGLISH LANGUAGES.

SINCE OUR FOUNDATION 140 YEARS AGO AS AN INDEPENDENT NATION, CANADA HAS DEVELOPED ITS SOCIETY AND ITS ECONOMY BY REMAINING A VERY OPEN COUNTRY, TO IMMIGRANTS AND TO FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC LINKAGES.

THERE ARE OVER 33 MILLION CANADIANS. ALMOST 1 MILLION ARE THE DESCENDENTS OF THE ABORIGINAL PEOPLE, THE 11 LANGUAGE GROUPS THAT I SPOKE OF EARLIER. 9 MILLION ARE DESCENDED FROM IMMIGRANTS

FROM THE BRITISH ISLE, AND 7.5 MILLION ARE FRENCH ORIGIN. 5 MILLION ARE FROM OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. CHINESE CANADIANS NOW NUMBER OVER 1 MILLION, AND THUS CHINESE LANGUAGES ARE THIRD IN IMPORTANCE IN CANADA, AFTER ENGLISH AND FRENCH.

WE CONTINUE TO WELCOME LARGE NUMBERS OF IMMIGRANTS EVERY YEAR. OVER 250,000 NEW CANADIANS ARRIVE EVERY YEAR, PRIMARILY FROM CHINA, INDIA, AND THE PHILIPPINES. AS A RESULT OF OPEN MIGRATION, AND THE BIRTH RATE IN CANADA, OUR POPULATION IS INCREASING BY ABOUT 1.5 MILLION PEOPLE EVERY FOUR YEARS. WE ARE THE FASTEST GROWING COUNTRY IN THE G8. THIS IS A LARGE CONTRAST WITH JAPAN, WHERE THE POPULATION IS DECREASING.

IN ADDITION, WE RECEIVE LARGE NUMBERS OF STUDENTS AND TEMPORARY WORKERS.

AS A RESULT, YOU CAN SEE GREAT DIVERSITY OF PEOPLE WHEN YOU VISIT CANADA. 49% OF THE 5 MILLION PEOPLE IN



GREATER TORONTO WERE BORN ABROAD AND IMMIGRATED TO CANADA. 42% OF GREATER VANCOUVER'S POPULATION OF 2 MILLION WAS ALSO BORN ABROAD.

CANADIANS BELIEVE THAT, IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ONE OF THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF LIVING IN THE WORLD, WE NEED A LARGER POPULATION, AND WE NEED MORE EDUCATED IMMIGRANTS. THERE IS NO DOUBT IN OUR MINDS, AND THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF RESEARCH TO PROVE THAT IMMIGRATION HELPS DEVELOP OUR ECONOMY. THE LONG-TERM BENEFITS ARE MUCH GREATER THAN THE SHORT-TERM COSTS OF LANGUAGE TRAINING AND ADAPTATION.

GIVEN THIS GREAT OPENNESS AND DIVERSITY, IT IS NATURAL THAT CANADA AND CANADIANS BELIEVE STRONGLY IN MULTICULTURALISM, IN THE NEED TO RESPECT OTHER PEOPLE AND THEIR DIFFERENCES. THERE IS NO TOLERANCE FOR ETHNIC HATRED OR RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

WE ARE THE FIRST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD TO RECOGNIZE  
DIVERSITY AS AN IMPORTANT NATIONAL VALUE. WE  
CELEBRATE DIVERSITY. WE BELIEVE THAT CANADA  
DEMONSTRATES THAT PERSONAL FREEDOM, DEMOCRATIC  
VALUES AND INSTITUTIONS, TOLERANCE AND CULTURAL  
DIVERSITY CAN BE THE FOUNDATION OF A GREAT NATION.  
AND WE BELIEVE THAT CANADA IS A GREAT NATION.

BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN THESE PRINCIPLES WITHIN  
CANADA, WE ALSO CONSIDER THAT THEY APPLY OUTSIDE  
CANADA. IN OTHER WORDS, THE PRINCIPLES OF TOLERANCE,  
OF CREATING A COMMUNITY OF MANY COMMUNITIES  
SHOULD ALSO APPLY INTERNATIONALLY. CANADA'S  
POLICIES AT HOME BECOME OUR FOREIGN POLICY ABROAD.

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CANADA AND JAPAN: PEOPLE TO PEOPLE; BUSINESS AND  
TRADE

THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY IN CANADA, AFTER YOU  
GRADUATE FROM TSUDA COLLEGE



CONCLUSION

I WANT TO THANK DR. IINO AND TSUDA COLLEGE FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU TODAY.

I HAVE TOLD YOU ABOUT THE ORIGINS OF CANADA, INCLUDING OUR NATIVE PEOPLES, OUR FRENCH AND ENGLISH CONNECTIONS, AND OUR DEVELOPMENT AS A NATION SINCE 1867.

I HAVE EXPLAINED TO YOU THE CONTINUING IMPORTANCE TO CANADA OF OPENNESS TO THE WORLD, NOT ONLY FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT, BUT TO THE WORLD'S PEOPLE, SO THAT THEY CAN PARTICIPATE IN BUILDING THE CANADA OF THE FUTURE.

I HAVE SAID A WORD OR TWO ABOUT CANADA'S ROLE INTERNATIONALLY, INCLUDING ITS RELATIONS WITH JAPAN.

AND I HAVE TOLD YOU ABOUT EDUCATION IN CANADA.

MY HOPE IS THAT AS YOU THINK ABOUT YOUR OWN FUTURE, YOU WILL FIND A PLACE FOR CANADA. I HOPE THAT EITHER THROUGH ADVANCED EDUCATION OR TRAVEL OR SIMPLY READING ABOUT JAPAN AND THE WORLD, YOU WILL CONSIDER CANADA TO BE YOUR PARTNER , YOUR MEANS OF DEVELOPING NOT ONLY AS A CITIZEN OF JAPAN, BUT ALSO AS A CITIZEN OF THE WORLD.

IF MY REMARKS THIS AFTERNOON HAVE REACHED AT LEAST SOME OF YOU, AND IF THEY WILL INFLUENCE YOUR FUTURE, I WILL BE VERY PLEASED INDEED.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

