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Government of Japan Announces the Visit of Princess Takamado to Canada

The Embassy of Japan in Canada, the Consulate General of Japan in Calgary, and the Consulate General of Japan in Toronto are pleased to announce that Her Imperial Highness Princess Takamado, is scheduled to visit Canada from January 22 to January 28, 2006.

Princess Takamado, who has been a close friend of Canada together with her late husband, His Imperial Highness Prince Takamado, will pay a visit to Edmonton, Toronto and Ottawa in the course of her 6-day-visit: Edmonton (January 22-24); Toronto (January 24 and January 25-27); and Ottawa (January 24-25). Princess Takamado is scheduled to depart from Toronto on January 28 for Tokyo, Japan.

In Toronto, Princess Takamado will attend the opening of the Prince Takamado Gallery of Japan at the Royal Ontario Museum, which will house 5,000 Japanese artwork items. Her Imperial Highness will also pay a courtesy call on the Governor General of Canada, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean in Ottawa. In Toronto, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, His Honour the Honourable James K. Bartleman, will receive Her Imperial Highness. In addition to her visit to the University of Alberta, Her Imperial Highness will be greeted by the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, His Honour the Honourable Norman L. Kwong, in Edmonton.

The profile of Her Imperial Highness Princess Takamado is attached.

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