

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

(including expenses of participants and general expenses associated with travel)

Ministry	Trade and Export Development	
Title of Travel	Mission to Japan and South Korea	
Location	Tokyo, Japan and Seoul, Korea	
Date(s)	February 3 - 10, 2023	
Participants	Honourable Jeremy Harrison, Minister of Trade and Export Development (TED) Jodi Banks, Deputy Minister, TED Kevin France, Assistant Deputy Minister, TED	
Purpose of Travel	To advance Saskatchewan’s (SK) trade and investment interests with Japan and South Korea and promote the Saskatchewan Japan Office	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$10,799.28
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)		\$3,245.41
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$6,216.49
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$3,041.24
Conference & Registration Fees		\$0.00
Miscellaneous (including incidentals, parking, temporary cell phone upgrades, fax and internet charges, passport and visa fees, medical and vaccination fees, and other sundry expenditures)		\$0.00
Subtotal		\$23,302.42
General Travel Expenditures		
Business Hosting Expenses (expenses for luncheon and/or dinner meetings hosted by the Government of Saskatchewan, including food, beverages, catering staff, service charges, equipment, and entertainment)		\$0.00
Miscellaneous (Including meeting rooms, translator and interpreter fees, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)		\$1,893.81
Subtotal		\$1,893.81
TOTAL		\$25,196.23

Overview of Travel and Objectives

Japan and South Korea are important and growing markets for SK exports, particularly for SK potash and agri-food products. In 2022, SK exports to Japan were valued at C\$1.2 billion. SK exports to South Korea have grown over 126% in the last five years and totalled C\$266 million in 2022.

- Japan is a key buyer of SK's agricultural products – SK was Canada's second-largest agri-food exporter to Japan in 2022 and was Japan's largest supplier of durum wheat and canola oil. Japanese companies are key investors in SK's mineral, agriculture, technology and clean energy sectors.
- South Korea is a key partner in the deployment of transformational 5G technologies in the province and South Korean companies are important investors in SK's mining sector.

This was Minister Harrison's second mission to Japan and Korea. Mission objectives included:

- supporting SK exports to Japan and Korea by:
 - promoting the SK-Japan and SK-Korea relationships by showcasing SK's strengths in agriculture, energy, innovation and mining;
 - highlighting the opportunities for SK to be a stable, sustainable and trusted partner to Japan and Korea in food and energy security; and
 - profiling SK's successes in innovation and exploring opportunities for collaboration in areas including green energy and carbon capture, utilization and storage;
- showcasing SK as a preferred destination for Japanese and Korean investment; and,
- promoting SK's Japan Office as a resource to develop and advance relationships with Japanese and Korean businesses and investors.

Travel Activity

While in Japan, Minister Harrison:

- met with:
 - Japan's Vice-Minister of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and senior leaders from the Ministry, from JA Group/ZEN-NOH, and Mitsubishi Corporation;
 - Iwatani Corporation;
 - Japan Organization for Metals and Energy Security;
 - Mitsubishi Corporation's Oilseeds department;
 - Japan Overseas Infrastructure Investment Corporation;
 - Mitsui & Company;
 - Japan Flour Millers Association;
 - Sapporo Breweries;
 - Itochu Corporation; and
 - Renova Inc.; and
- provided remarks at an evening reception focused on trade and investment with SK to a select group of business executives and high-ranking Japanese government officials.

While in South Korea, Minister Harrison met with:

- Star Group International and toured the company's factory; and
- Samsung Networks and toured the company's campus.