

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

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

Ministry	Agriculture	
Title of Travel	Japan Trade and Investment Mission	
Location	Japan	
Date(s)	November 11 - 17, 2017	
Participants	Honourable Lyle Stewart, Minister of Agriculture Ashley Anderson, Chief of Staff to the Minister of Agriculture Rick Burton, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture	
Purpose of Travel	To gain a better understanding of Japanese stakeholders' existing and future needs, to discuss current investment and trading relationships and identify future opportunities, and to discuss any challenges they face in working with Saskatchewan.	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees)		\$19,115.12
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, parking, trains and buses)		\$4,330.64
Accommodation (including room charges, incidentals, related taxes and fees)		\$4,298.05
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$581.62
Conference & Registration Fees		-
Miscellaneous (including temporary cell phone upgrades, fax and internet charges, passport and visa fees, medical and inoculation fees, laundry and dry cleaning and other sundry expenditures)		-
	Subtotal	\$28,325.43
General Travel Expenditures		
Business Hosting Expenses (luncheon and/or dinner meetings hosted by the Government of Saskatchewan, including food, beverages, catering staff, service charges, equipment and entertainment)		-
Miscellaneous (including meeting rooms, translator and interpreter fees, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)		\$4,300.00
	Subtotal	\$4,300.00
	TOTAL	\$32,625.43

Overview of Travel and Objectives

Minister Stewart travelled to Japan to:

- gain a better understanding of Japanese stakeholders' existing and future needs, discuss any challenges they face in working with Saskatchewan, and identify how the Government of Saskatchewan can provide support.
- expand and deepen the relationship with Japanese companies who operate significant assets in the province or who may want to invest in additional operations in Saskatchewan in the future.
- position Saskatchewan as a reliable and quality supplier of food ingredients and other agricultural products and promote research, investment and other collaborative opportunities in the value-added sector of Saskatchewan.

Specific areas of focus for this mission include cereals, canola research, investment attraction and pork. The Minister spoke at the Cereals Canada's New Crops Mission and the Canola Council of Canada's annual consultations. Minister Stewart also attended dinner with the Japanese Millers Association key stakeholders. Investment attraction meetings were held with several companies during this investment mission as well.