

Canada Plans To Join The AP6

Canada wants to join the six-nation Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate which was established earlier this year. Prime Minister John Howard has given his in-principle support for Canada to join the partnership after meeting his Canadian counterpart, Stephen Harper on his recent visit. “We would very warmly welcome Canada joining the partnership, and I can’t speak for the other members but I would be very surprised if they didn’t have the same view,” he said. He expressed confidence that other members of the partnership – Australia, the US, India, China, Japan and South Korea – would have no problem with the plan. Prime Minister Harper said the AP6 is the type of initiative the world needed to show it was serious about climate change. He indicated that Canada was looking for an alternative path to the Kyoto framework. “We clearly have to have an international regime that includes the largest emitters. Today, China, India, the US and others...are either not part of the current Kyoto Protocol or have no targets under the Kyoto Protocol,” he said.

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