

# Japanese timber trade delegation to visit Alaska

ANCHORAGE — A 12-member delegation representing some of the top timber importing companies in Japan will visit six cities in Alaska Oct. 21-30, as part of Governor Sheffield's ASIA-ALASKA trade program. The group will be accompanied by Tsuguo Ban, Deputy Director

from Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Division of Forest Products.

Japan and Alaska have had timber agreements for 30 years and currently, Japan is the principal export market for Alaskan timber. The group will be here to discuss expanded timber trade and investment opportunities in Alaska today with those timber companies they work with now, as well as to become familiar with other timber processing companies and to meet with Gov. Sheffield.

Frank Seymour, senior timber marketing specialist for the state and an interpreter, will accompany the delegation on their 10-day Alaskan tour, which

begins Oct. 21 in Ketchikan.

The group will visit the Louisiana Pacific Ketchikan Pulp mill and Sealaska Timber Corporation's Klawock log yard in Ketchikan Oct. 21 and 22. Following that, the group will travel to Wrangell, Oct. 23, where they will tour the Wrangell Sawmill and meet with Seley Inc. Management (operators of the Wrangell Sawmill), and then go on to Sitka the same day. During their three days in Sitka, they will tour the Alaska Pulp Company (APC) pulp mill and meet with APC management. They will meet with the regional forester for Tongass National Forest and the Board of Directors of the Alaska Loggers Association.

From Sitka, the group goes to

Juneau Oct. 26 for the day and then to Anchorage that evening. In Anchorage, they will meet with Gov. Sheffield and other state officials Oct. 27 and with representatives from the Alaska State Division of Forestry, the Resource Development Council, and the Consul General of Japan, before departing Oct. 28 for Fairbanks.

In Fairbanks, they will tour the Bonanza Creek experimental forest as well as go on a helicopter flightseeing tour of the interior forest and tour the Northland Sawmill. They will also meet with the forestry research staff from the University of Alaska and with the Doyon Corporation. They leave Fairbanks Oct. 30 to return to Anchorage to

catch their flight that day to Tokyo.

The overall objective of the governor's ASIA-ALASKA targeted trade and investment program is to assist each major Alaskan industry — timber, fisheries, minerals, energy and tourism — in at least one area of international trade by mid-1986.

To date, two Korean delegations for the fisheries and timber industries have visited Alaska. Two more trade groups from Japan representing fisheries and minerals industries are scheduled to visit Alaska in November.

Delegations from Korea, the People's Republic of China, Japan, Hong Kong, ASEAN and Taiwan are tentatively scheduled for the first half of 1986.