

4.0 EAITC S&T SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Aside from the expertise available from within EAITC to facilitate collaboration, the department has established several programs that provide financial assistance. These stimulate S&T co-operation in several areas of interest.

4.1 Japan Science and Technology Fund

Under the Pacific 2000 strategy of the "Going Global" umbrella (section 2.0), the Japan Science and Technology Fund (JSTF) has been established to strengthen Canada's scientific and technological base through expanded bilateral S&T links, notably with Japanese research facilities and private-sector organizations. The objectives are to enhance joint technology development and strategic partnerships in key sectors of domestic priority. Activities supported by the JSTF will include:

- long-term (six months plus) researcher exchanges with Japan;
- short-term visits leading to the development of new projects or the advancement of existing ones;
- the Canadian component of a joint project;
- bilateral workshops; and
- language training for Canadian researchers participating in exchanges.

The fund will also be used to provide support services, such as technical translation and distribution of information to Canadian researcher networks. It is jointly managed by EAITC and Industry, Science and Technology Canada in collaboration with the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council.

4.2 Europe 1992 Science and Technology Initiatives

The Europe 1992 strategy under the "Going Global" umbrella (section 2.0) encourages joint ventures and technology transfer to secure a position within the European Community (EC) market, strengthen domestic capability, and reinforce the infrastructure of S&T co-operation. Through the Program to Stimulate Scientific and Technological Co-operation with