

Therefore, it is recommended that the federal government invite the provincial and territorial governments to match the federal contribution to the endowment fund beginning with, and in direct proportion to, their representation on the Board of Directors.

In view of other institutions of a similar kind in other countries, this is a modest and minimal financial requirement if the objectives of the Foundation are to be given a realistic chance to succeed.

My recommendations are based upon a consensus view which I have discovered in the course of my study. In that regard, I am much indebted to a great many individuals who put an extraordinary amount of effort into studying the concept of an Asia Pacific Foundation and came forward with thoughtful and specific recommendations. In fact, their advice has had a great influence on my final recommendations, and in many instances they will recognize some of their ideas put forward in the body of this report.

However, in the final analysis, the judgements and the recommendations have had to be my own, and I accept full responsibility for them, as I do for the accuracy of the report. I have stated clearly in the report that the study I conducted was not exhaustive of all views, nor of all the research available. However, there is enough solid evidence to conclude that the creation of an Asia Pacific Foundation is both desirable and timely. As an added note, I would like to point out that the Japanese Government was able to establish the Japan Foundation within one year of their decision to study the need for such an institution. I see no reason why we cannot act as quickly.