

V. RECOMMENDATIONS

While the ideals for an Asia Pacific Foundation are admirable, and support for them strong, the problem is how to achieve them. This section of the report deals with specific recommendations for the:

- (A) objectives,
- (B) general principles and
- (C) ways and means of achieving these objectives as related to establishment, structure and funding for the proposed Foundation.

A. OBJECTIVES OF THE FOUNDATION

With the objectives of enriching the social, economic and cultural life of all Canadians, the Foundation would represent a visible commitment of Canadian interest in the Asia Pacific region. It would further provide leadership in bringing the peoples of Canada and the Asia Pacific region closer together in mutual understanding, co-operation and respect. This would require:

1. The Pooling of Canada's Interest, Talent and Energy Relating to Asian and Pacific Activities.

The Foundation would provide effective communication amongst individual Canadians and amongst government, business, labour, academic and other sectors of Canadian society on matters relating to Asia and the Pacific, with a view to building a sense of confidence in Canada about our long term role in the region.

2. The provision of a Two-Way Cultural Looking Glass.

The Foundation would inform and sensitize Canadians about the political, economic and cultural developments in Asia and the Pacific through illuminating the cultures and social and economic values of the different societies, as well as projecting back those of Canada and its people.

3. The Creation of an Idea Forum.

The Foundation would provide a clearing house where new ideas in relation to the Asia Pacific region could be developed. It would provide advice to the different levels of government and sectors in Canada on the appropriate policies and strategies to pursue within the region.

B. GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF THE FOUNDATION

While the objectives are far-reaching and the challenges and opportunities substantial, we should remember that "a walk of a thousand miles starts by a single step". This is particularly relevant if we are embarking upon an Asia Pacific experience where the cultures are primarily influenced by such wisdom. Though the Foundation can be expected to provide leadership, as well as being a focal point for co-ordination of Canadian activities in Asia and the Pacific, it would be a mistake to burden it with the