

government of Ontario, as well as several Canadian universities, research institutes, and private associations.

The two conferences generated several contacts among social scientists which are beginning to take institutional form. One likely institutional linkage is an ongoing series of conferences and, at a later point, student exchanges between, on the Canadian side, the University of Toronto - York University Joint Centre for Asia Pacific Studies and the York University Centre for International and Strategic Studies and, in Taiwan, the Institute for International Relations (National Chengchi University) and National Taiwan University.

A new project has recently been launched by the Faculty of Management at the University of Calgary. Directed by Dr. Philip Chang, the "Canada-Taiwan International Business Program" is intended to familiarize Taiwanese business executives with investment and trade opportunities in Canada and recent developments in management science. Its origins lay in a resolution adopted at the third annual conference of the CTBA in Edmonton in May 1989. The Program is being run in consultation with Cheng Yuan Christian University and will have an academic component designed to facilitate exchanges of professors. The 10-member Advisory Board includes Samuel Shieh, governor of the Central Bank of China, Yin Shih-hao, President of Chung Yuan University, Peter Loughheed, and Murray Fraser, President of the University of Calgary.

In Quebec, Le Fond de la Recherche en Sante du Quebec has signed an agreement with the ROC's National Science Council to provide two post-doctoral research training grants to Taiwanese candidates. The NSC has indicated an interest in establishing collaborative relationships with other national and regional agencies in Canada.

A new association, the Canadian Society for Chinese Studies, is currently being organized to promote academic study. It parallels a similar organization in the United States and will be comprised of academics and professionals, principally of Chinese descent.

Republic of China statistics indicate that in 1989, 72 scholars from Taiwan attended a total of 32 conferences in Canada, including a special physics conference.

CURRENT INITIATIVES

National Level. A small number of university administrators have visited Taiwan independently in the last ten years. A higher profile visit is currently being organized. In 1989 the ROC's Ministry of Education, through the ROC's Coordinating Council for North American Affairs in Washington, invited the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada to organize a trip of university presidents to Taiwan. The invitation has been accepted and presidents from four universities (P.E.I., Sherbrooke, Ottawa, Regina) will visit Taiwan between May 26th and June 2nd of this year.