

An Association for Canadian Studies in the Soviet Union was formally created by an act of the Presidium in September 1989. This is the first association of its kind in the Soviet Union, a development that has been promoted by the Department for a number of years.

Scholarly Exchanges

Under the Government of Canada Awards program, 119 foreign nationals from 20 countries received awards for graduate and post-graduate study in Canada. Similar awards are offered to Canadians by other countries under this reciprocal program.

Canada participated in the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan, under which 500 students from 51 Commonwealth countries complete graduate degrees in Canada. Several other participating Commonwealth countries offer similar awards to Canadians.

International Education

Canada participated in all major educational conferences and meetings of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

(UNESCO), the Council of Europe, and the Commonwealth. The Department continued consultations with the provinces, the academic community, and other federal departments and agencies to develop a national strategy for marketing Canadian educational goods and services abroad.

International Exchanges

Under the Cultural Personalities Exchange Program, there were 392 missions of Canadians abroad and 65 missions to Canada during the fiscal year. The average duration of these missions, which focussed on academic and arts fields, was eight days.

International Youth Exchange Program

More than 9,000 Canadian youths participated in programs to acquire work experience abroad; in turn, more than 8,000 young people from abroad visited and worked in Canada.

Historical Affairs

The Historical Affairs Section seeks to promote public understanding of the historical background of Canadian foreign policy. Work continued on several volumes of documents on Canadian External Relations, and the