

efforts, the province of Alberta has been involved in numerous co-operative educational arrangements with Singapore through the Alberta Vocational Centre and the Banff School of Advanced Management.

A close working relationship has developed between the Canadian Alumni Association and other Canadian associations in Singapore. The Canadian Business Association is in the process of establishing a scholarship fund to encourage Singapore students to pursue studies in Canada.

Canada is actively involved in bilateral law enforcement co-operation with Singapore. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police has provided police assistance to Singapore since 1979, including the training of Singapore police personnel in Canada under the Observer Attachment Program and at the Canadian Police College, as well as on-site training under the National Drug Strategy. Intermediate and senior police personnel have also been offered the opportunity to attend management courses at the Canadian Police College. In 1986, Canada co-operated with Singapore in establishing the Crime Stoppers Program with funding from the mission. The Canadian co-ordinator of the program travelled to Singapore and trained local co-ordinators in the operation of the program.

In the area of defence, Canada's Military Training Assistance Program (MTAP) offers an opportunity for the Singapore military to undertake training in Canada under the supervision of the Canadian Armed Forces. However, no candidates from Singapore have taken advantage of this program since 1975. The Canadian National Defence College visited Singapore in April 1990 as part of its Asian study tour. Finally, in conjunction with a Canadian Forces naval training cruise during the summer of 1990, Canadian warships made courtesy calls in a number of East Asian ports, including Singapore.

The Coaching Association of Canada (CAC) with the assistance of External Affairs and International Trade Canada has participated in a CAC joint project with the Singapore Sports Council for the development of coaching leadership in the ASEAN countries. Representatives from the CAC travelled to Singapore during the first quarter of 1990 to provide training under the National Coaching Certification Program.

5.3 Provincial Co-operation

Provincial interest in the region has led three provinces, Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia, to establish offices in Singapore. A fourth, Alberta, covers Singapore from a base in Hong Kong. Provincial activities in Singapore are largely focused on trade promotion.

Alberta's relations with Singapore stem largely from Singapore's growing importance as a customer as well as a re-export market for Alberta's natural resources and agricultural products. Aside from its ongoing ties in the education sector (see section 5.2), Alberta's activities in Singapore have concentrated on trade and investment promotion. British Columbia has renewed its interest in Singapore and the region with the establishment of its representative office in April 1989. There has been some modest activity on the education side, including the promotion of post-secondary education within the province and curriculum development, although provincial education initiatives have focused more on other ASEAN countries.