

Secondary School Activities. The fund supports the enhancement of existing Asian study components, and the development of new courses and programs at secondary schools. Business firms are encouraged to develop links with local school boards to stimulate interest in Asian Studies by emphasizing the relevance of such skills to future employment opportunities.

Japanese Language Teacher Development. In the short-term, funding is being used to bring Japanese teachers to Canada to overcome the lack of qualified Japanese language teachers. To meet long-term requirements, seed money is available to create teacher training programs in Asian languages at secondary and post-secondary institutions. In addition, assistance is available for travel and other costs for teachers to attend Japanese language training courses in Japan and/or at clinics across Canada.

Employment Opportunities for Canadian Experts on Asia Pacific. The APF maintains two information banks: An Employment database for businesses seeking employees with Asia-related expertise, and a database of Canadian businesses operating in the region.

Future Leaders Program. This program focuses on short-term study and intensive orientation visits to Canada by future Asian leaders. The candidates are identified and selected by the APF. The Future Leaders includes politicians, journalists, labour leaders and other opinion makers. Most visits under this program are initiated and managed by the Foundation.