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## Development Assistance

Canada's development co-operation relations with Malaysia date back to the 1950s and 1960s when Canada provided technical assistance and training programs through the Colombo Plan. Canada contributed approximately \$23 million to Malaysia during the implementation of the Colombo Plan. With the establishment of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) in the late 1960s, Canadian development assistance activities expanded substantially with projects in the areas of agriculture, education, energy, health, mining and metallurgy, communications, transportation and finance.

In 1975, a decision was made by Canada to concentrate development assistance programs in a smaller number of developing countries. In keeping

with this decision and in recognition of Malaysia's rapid economic advance during the late 1960's and early 1970's, Malaysia's development assistance eligibility status changed. No new major projects were started. This put into motion the gradual phase-down of the bilateral program in Malaysia, which was officially terminated in 1979. Between 1970 and 1976, Canada's official development assistance (ODA) contributions to Malaysia amounted to \$28.2 million.

After considerable discussions with the Malaysian government, a General Agreement on Development Co-operation was signed in May 1986 and a small-scale program was reinstated. The emphasis of the program changed toward the implementation of projects in the areas of economic

**TABLE VIII** **DISBURSEMENT PROFILE:**  
**CANADA'S DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**  
(\$ CDN millions)

CHANNELS	1985/86	1989/90
A. Government-to Government (Bilateral Program)	1.00	2.33
B. Canada Fund	†	0.32
C. Institutional Co-operation and Development Services Program	0.15	0.62
D. Non-Governmental Organizations Program	0.10	0.10
E. International Non-Governmental Organizations Program	-	0.01
F. Industrial Co-operation Program	0.80	1.62
G. International Humanitarian Assistance Program	-	-
H. Food Aid	-	-
I. International Development Research Centre	1.13	1.62
J. Petro-Canada International Assistance Corporation	-	-
K. International Centre for Ocean Development	-	-
L. Provincial Government Contributions	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3.18</b>	<b>6.62</b>

† Canada Fund disbursements prior to 1986/87 were reported as Government-to-Government.

Source: CIDA