

the United States, France, Britain, Japan, Italy and the Federal Republic of Germany. In June these associations and their Canadian counterpart set up an International Council for Canadian Studies as a clearing house for the exchange of information.

Academic exchanges

The Department continued, wherever possible, to encourage direct inter-university exchanges. Assistance was also provided for an exchange program with China involving 15 students in each direction. The annual exchange of researchers with France continued, with the National Research Council taking on the role of administrator.

International education conferences and meetings

The Department continued, in co-operation with other departments and the Council of Ministers of Education, to facilitate Canadian participation in international education conferences and meetings under the auspices of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, UNESCO and the Commonwealth.

Relations with universities

Under the Department's program of relations with Canadian universities, 60 officers from headquarters gave 82 lectures or seminars at 44 universities and related organizations across the country. The purpose of the program is to enable university students and faculty members to keep abreast of foreign policy developments in Canada. In addition, three senior officers were on detachment at the Universities of Laval, Calgary and Moncton to contribute directly to the study and teaching of Canadian foreign policy and international relations.

Sports

Since 1981 was the first year of the Olympic cycle, it was one of planning for the sports community, and there was less top-level international competition than usual. The highlight was the awarding of the 1988 Winter Olympics to Calgary, Alberta, at the eleventh Olympic Congress at Baden-Baden, Federal Republic of Germany, in September. Calgary's bid was supported by the government of Canada and promoted through Canadian diplomatic missions abroad. Their triumph at Baden-Baden was assisted and witnessed by the Secretary of State and Minister responsible for Sport, Gerald Regan, and the Premier of Alberta, Peter Lougheed. An officer of the Department was attached to the delegation to give on-the-spot assistance.

In April 1981, the Minister responsible for Sport visited Cuba, where he renewed the Sports exchange agreement between Canada and Cuba.