

- Since 1993, the Canadian Studies Development Program has given 21 grants to various Japanese universities that either organized special seminars on Canada or established Canadian studies centres. The program also helps Canadian educational institutions, particularly language training schools, to settle and thrive in Japan.
- Japan is a leading international cultural marketplace and an important market for Canada's educational products. Each year over 2,000 Canadians teach English, study at a university, or participate in a working holiday in Japan. Over 10,000 Japanese study or take working holidays in Canada.
- The 1976 Canada-Japan cultural agreement increased the number of Canadian performers and performing groups who include Japan on their regular tours. Among them are Bryan Adams, Holly Cole, Oscar Peterson, Céline Dion, the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, the Cirque du Soleil and the Montreal Symphony Orchestra.
- A 1994 Canada-Japan cultural agreement to encourage the co-production of movies, television shows and videos has resulted in a television docudrama, *Hiroshima*, as well as several film projects. In 1995, a Canadian company signed a \$2-million contract to provide an animated film series to Fuji Television.
- In June 1998, the Sumo Basho was held in Vancouver. The exhibition Sumo tournament brought many of Japan's top wrestlers to Canada.

Peace and Security Co-operation

- The defence and security relationship between the two countries has been growing steadily for a number of years. In 1997 in Tokyo, Canada and Japan followed up on commitments made in their 1996 Agenda for Co-operation by holding their first-ever political-military talks.
- Since 1992, staff of the Japanese Self-Defence Forces and the Canadian Armed Forces have exchanged information on regional defence and security matters during annual military staff talks in either Ottawa or Tokyo.
- Every second year, Canadian and Japanese naval ships participate in exercises prior to the "RimPac" naval exercises, which involve the United States, Japan, Canada and other Pacific Rim countries. In May 1998, two Canadian naval vessels visited Japanese ports as part of the annual Westploy Naval Deployment. In May 1999, three ships of the Japanese Maritime Self-Defence Force visited Canada's west coast, the first visit to Canada by an operational naval formation from Japan.