

also involved in a number of CIDA-funded training projects in the Philippines, including a co-operative community development program, a health sector support project and a development project aimed at rural and isolated areas in the Philippines. Alberta has participated in a number of exploratory visits to the Philippines to pursue Asian Development Bank and CIDA projects and to promote the experience of its companies in the oil and gas, engineering consulting, agri-food and telecommunications sectors.

British Columbia welcomes large numbers of Philippine visitors each year to participate in trade investment missions or in international conferences such as Globe '92 which was held in Vancouver. The Vancouver Board of Trade also sent trade missions to the Philippines in 1991. The province, through the

British Columbia Trade Development Corporation, has organized trade missions and in conjunction with the Association of Consulting Engineers of British Columbia, has formed the Asia Marketing Group to assist local engineering companies in their marketing efforts with the Asian Development Bank. Educational institutions in British Columbia have participated in a number of international education projects covering a broad range of education and training opportunities in the Philippines. Through CIDA and IDRC funding, Simon Fraser University and the University of British Columbia have participated in research exchanges, while the Vancouver Community College has been involved in providing technical advice on projects in the field of education.