Education

• Saudi Arabia enhanced its academic co-operation with Canada in 1978 when it established an educational mission in Ottawa. The office provides training opportunities for Saudi citizens in medicine, law, journalism and air traffic control. Over 400 Saudi students now study in Canada. At the beginning of 2000, Saudi officials invited several Canadian university presidents and senior officials to Saudi Arabia for discussions on cooperation in the education field.

Development Assistance Co-operation

• Saudi Arabia is an aid donor and hosts the headquarters of two major aid organizations: the Saudi Development Fund in Riyadh and the Islamic Development Bank in Jeddah. Canadian aid officials periodically consult with representatives of these organizations on projects of mutual interest.