another element of the strategy, one that will provide Canadians with valuable and exciting electronic services in the global information economy.

While Canada is strong in science, many of the new technologies needed by our industry come from abroad. The Government will therefore seek to foster:

- the acquisition of newest best-practice technologies by industry;
- awareness of Canadian science-and-technology capabilities by potential foreign partners and investors of venture capital;
- participation of Canadian businesses in international R&D alliances; and
- a framework of international rules that allow unfettered access to international technology opportunities.

The Government will also encourage and promote institution-to-institution links between Canadian cultural and educational institutions and their counterparts abroad. Science and Technology Counsellors are stationed in a number of Canada's major missions abroad to promote exchanges and collaboration in the field of science and technology. In addition, over the next five years a network of up to 10 education centres will be established in the Asia-Pacific region to promote Canadian educational institutions.

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