

- ▶ The process of application and approval in the administration of both the conference and the research funding was rapid, and was seen as an approach that helps awardees to avoid excessive bureaucracy. However, follow-up reporting may help communicate valuable experiences to assist in future planning.
- ▶ With regard to international education, competition from Australia, New Zealand, the United States, and Britain is significant, and Canadian institutions must significantly increase their marketing efforts if they are to attract Asian students. A lack of funding, however, is not seen as the only constraint to recruitment efforts.
- ▶ Asia Pacific students need to be made aware of the options available in Quebec's francophone institutions.
- ▶ Matching fund requirements are considered as an essential sign of partner commitment. However some claim that there is a need for a more flexible formula, given that rigid matching fund requirements for secondary schools will not take into account the varying institutional limitations and differences in capability.
- ▶ The rich and varied experience gained from the secondary school programs should be reviewed systematically, and adjustments made to subsequent programs in the light of the lessons learned.
- ▶ Whereas seed funding might play an important role in the secondary and post-secondary education programs, recipients believe that longterm funding commitments are also necessary. The same lesson has been learned by researchers funded by DFAIT¹⁰.
- ▶ Longer Teacher Study Tours were deemed to be more effective and less stressful than those that limited the teachers' stay to two weeks.
- ▶ In conjunction with Study Tours, networking among international educators during the tours provides a sustainable benefit and a vital avenue for the continual upgrading of curriculum.
- ▶ In the area of Japanese Language Training, it is evident that significantly larger amounts of funding and institutional support are necessary to meet the growing demand for Japanese language ability.
- ▶ It is claimed by some that for the APFC's development of appropriate strategy vis-à-vis the language and awareness aspects of Pacific 2000, it may be more effective to move

¹⁰It should be noted that APFC policy and practice is to provide assistance for start-up programs only. This approach is based on the conviction that long-term funding support indicates a lack of commitment by the partner, and may create dependency.