

Quick Review of Provincial Curricula and Materials

British Columbia

- a provincial Japanese-language curriculum and three curriculum guides : Japanese 9, 10, beginning 11; Japanese 11 and 12; Intermediate;
- the prescribed text "Alfonso and Gotoo" Japanese Books 1,2,3;
- "Let's Learn Japanese" video series with accompanying guide book;
- "Kintaro Sensei" computer-assisted instruction;
- a resource book to supplement texts;
- multimedia modules and resource books support Pacific Rim topics in Business Education, Economics 12, Social Studies;
- a Pacific Rim Resource Book.

Alberta

- a provincial Japanese-language curriculum in place for September 1993;
- "Let's Learn Japanese" videotapes available to Alberta schools from the Access Network;
- "Active Japanese" textual materials available from the Learning Resources Distributing Centre of the Department of Education;
- distance learning materials are in use in the West Alberta Distance Education Consortium.

Manitoba

- development of curricula and materials undertaken by the Fort Garry School Division (Vincent Massey Collegiate) and the Saint Vital School Division (Dakota High School) in conjunction with provincial authorities.

Saskatchewan

- Japanese-language curriculum is locally-developed by the Saskatoon Board of Education within its Asian Studies thrust. The Regina School Division offers some introductory Japanese-language instruction within its Pacific Rim Studies Program.

Ontario

- curriculum development and materials preparation have been undertaken by the following school boards: Toronto, Carleton Ottawa, North York, Peel and Wentworth County.

Quebec

- developing a curriculum to examine the increasing interdependence of the Quebec economy emphasizing inter alia the Asia Pacific influence, industrial restructuring and the challenge from Asia and competitiveness.

Newfoundland

- considering development of curricular materials on Japanese culture and introductory Japanese language for local level senior high use.

Other provinces and territories include studies on Japan within more general programs.

Reference Works

For more complete information on what is available, you may wish to consult the following:

The Asia Pacific Foundation's Curriculum Resources Database

Designed for use within the primary and secondary school systems and community colleges in Canada, this database aims to assist teachers and curriculum experts in planning courses with Asia Pacific content. There are two components to the database.

