

## 5.2 Other Areas of Co-operation

Outside the trade sphere and CIDA-sponsored projects in the Philippines, ties and contacts between organizations and institutions in both countries are not well developed. The following section briefly describes initiatives underway in key sectors of co-operation.

### Agriculture

Agriculture Canada's interest in the Philippines is recent. Departmental representatives visited the country in early 1990 to explore potential areas of co-operation and marketing opportunities for Canadian exports. Meetings were held with government livestock officials and the Asian Development Bank.

Two agriculture-related trade missions to the Philippines took place in 1990 to explore market opportunities for canola and swine. The Philippines sent representatives to the International Dairy Congress in Montreal in 1990. Representatives from the Philippines also attended a technical dairy conference in Thailand in 1992 which was co-sponsored by Agriculture Canada, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food and the Canadian Livestock Exporters Association.

### Telecommunications

CIDA is involved in two key projects in the telecommunications sector in the Philippines; the five-year, \$5 million, Philippines Telecommunications Technical Assistance Project, designed to support the restructuring of the telecommunications industry; and the Telecommunication Import Support Program (\$15 million CIDA grant and \$27 million EDC line of credit) which is aimed at improving the communications infrastructure in rural areas throughout the country.

External Affairs and International Trade Canada, Canada's Department of Communications and the Canadian private sector fund the Telecommunications Executive Management Interchange Centre (TEMIC) located in Montreal. TEMIC provides training in the management and use of telephone and communications systems to ministry and agency representatives from developing countries. To date, four high-level officials from the Philippines have participated in TEMIC courses.

## Environment and Natural Resources

A \$4.9 million CIDA project in the area of environmental management is being implemented under the leadership of Dalhousie University. It enables Canadian universities and private-sector representatives to provide Philippine universities with expertise in environmental and resource management. The Environment and Natural Resource Management Project brings together government agencies, the academic community and non-governmental organizations to work jointly on resource management issues in the Philippines. Through policy studies, the project provides support for the Philippines' Department of Environment and Natural Resources whose main aim is the development and implementation of a national strategy of sustainable development.

### Defence

The Canadian Forces Attaché located in Kuala Lumpur is accredited to the Philippines and provides advice on military matters and liaises with the Armed Forces of the Philippines. An important component of this arrangement is the identification of defence equipment acquisition programs which are of interest to Canada's defence industry.

## 5.3 Provincial Co-operation

Provincial initiatives in the Philippines have been relatively modest and have mainly focused on trade missions exploring the Philippine market and opportunities associated with Asian Development Bank projects.

Quebec has sponsored on average two or three general trade missions to the region annually since 1980, and has provided financial assistance to a number of companies interested in marketing products and expertise in the Philippines.

Philippine officials attend, in increasing numbers, events or programs in Canada sponsored by provincial authorities or institutions. Most significant among these have been the conferences and seminars in the petroleum sector held in Alberta with the support of the provincial government, in association with the Government of Canada. The biennial Intercan Conference, the National Petroleum Show, and the Alberta Summer Institute for Petroleum Industrial Development (ASIPID) programs administered by the University of Alberta have all attracted a large number of Philippine participants in recent years. Alberta institutions are