

The Canadian bid is expected to receive enthusiastic support from the existing SEAMEO membership, which includes three other Associate Members - France, Australia and New Zealand. Canada has already contributed to various SEAMEO programmes, and in 1985 signed an agreement to provide a contribution of \$9 million over five years.

Membership in SEAMEO, a Pacific-based organization, will complement Canada's existing longstanding participation in regional bodies such as the Colombo Plan and the Asian Development Bank, and will enhance Canada's growing relationship with the members of ASEAN.