

## Pacific 2000

Introduced in 1989 as part of the Going Global strategy, the Pacific 2000 program is based on an integrated approach to international trade, culture and education, science and technology, and investment. Pacific 2000 seeks to improve Canada's visibility in the Asia Pacific region and foster exchanges and linkages through technology transfer, international education, culture and language awareness, tourism, investment and sectoral export development.

The Pacific 2000 Asian Language and Awareness Fund was established to assist Canadians in becoming "Asia-literate" through the encouragement of Asian studies and language programs. The key components of interest to the secondary school level are:

- **Secondary School Activities**

The Secondary School Language and Awareness Program aims to encourage educators to develop Asian Studies and Asian language programs in secondary schools. Support can go toward curriculum materials and development, creating links between the private sector and secondary schools and selective teacher and student exchange programs. Most of the initiatives funded would become pilot projects for future application at other schools.

- **Japanese Language Teacher Development**

The Japanese Language Teacher Development Program is designed to overcome the current shortage of teachers in this area. In the short-term, support will go toward recruiting teachers from Japan. Afterwards it will go toward developing teacher training programmes in Japanese as a foreign language and scholarships to study abroad for prospective teachers of Japanese.

## J-LINC Program

The Japanese Language Initiative in Canada is a new program, currently in a pilot phase, which aims to bring greater Japanese language and cultural awareness to Canada and to strengthen ties between the two countries. The program brings Japanese teachers to Canada to work as monitors (teaching assistants) in secondary schools or in the general education program in CEGEPS.

## SECRETARY OF STATE CANADA

### Canadian Studies

Under the Canadian Studies Program, application may be made to develop teaching modules on Japanese communities in Canada. For information, please contact the Canadian Studies and Special Projects Division of Secretary of State Canada.

## JAPAN FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

The Japan Foundation was established in October 1972 by the Government of Japan with the aim of furthering mutual international understanding through the introduction of Japanese culture overseas and the promotion of cultural-exchange activities between Japan and other countries, thus enhancing world culture and contributing to the welfare of the human race. The Japan Foundation opened an office in Toronto in November, 1990.

Programs of specific interest for the secondary school/CEGEP general stream level are: