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## Development Assistance: A Regional Base

Singapore is not an eligible country for bilateral Canadian development assistance, with the exception of an annual Canada Fund under which the Canadian High Commission disbursed \$50 000 in 1989/90. However, Singapore has played a significant role in the Canadian International Development Agency's ASEAN and Regional Institutions programs which are currently being managed from the Canada-ASEAN Centre in Singapore. The opening of the Canada-ASEAN Centre in July 1989 has strengthened Canada's presence in the region and provides a solid base from which to expand non-governmental

ties with ASEAN. The Centre is the focus of Canada's development assistance efforts in the region and seeks to promote people-to-people contacts between Canadian and ASEAN students, businesspersons and institutions.

During the past year, Singaporean officials have actively participated in a number of CIDA's ASEAN projects. This included hosting a seminar on urban forestry, which was funded under the ASEAN Institute of Forest Management project. Officials from the Singapore Department of Fishery Production are also playing a lead role on behalf of ASEAN in the

**Table 5 ASEAN-Canada and Asian Regional Institutions Development Co-operation Program: Current Projects**

PROJECT	CIDA CONTRIBUTION (\$ m)	COMPLETION DATE
Grain Post Harvest Technology/Phase II	3.29	1993
ASEAN Post Harvest Technology Fisheries/Phase II	8.10	1996
ASEAN Institute of Forest Management	7.33	1991
ASEAN Institute of Forest Management/Phase II	5.00	1998
ASEAN Forest Tree Seed Centre	9.36	1993
ASEAN Marine Co-operation and Development/Phase II	11.00	1996
ASEAN Solar Dryer	5.00	1996
Ku-Band Propagation	0.50	1992
ASEAN Cargo Transport Study	0.75	1992
Regional Training Program	9.10	1995
ASEAN Information Services	0.12	1990
SEAMEO Integrated Community-Based	8.95	1990
Asian Institute of Technology (partnership)	14.23	1993
Ryerson/AIBD Development Boating	4.98	1991
Asian Institute of Management	2.30	1991
Inter-Regional Fisheries Co-operation	0.49	1991
Infofish Institutional Support	0.20	1991
ASEAN Doctoral Program in Management	7.00	1996
SEAMEO Co-operation Program/Phase II	7.00	1995

Source: Canadian International Development Agency