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In the area of customs operations, Revenue Canada, Customs and Excise, developed a seminar for senior Malaysian and other ASEAN customs personnel in the area of computer applications. This four-week seminar was funded by CIDA. In response to a request by the Malaysian Department of Customs, the Canadian government offered to provide in 1990/91 one detector dog and detector-dog handler training at its facilities in Rigaud, Quebec, for a Malaysian official.

Through the Commonwealth and other international organizations, Canada and Malaysia have played an active part in discussions on environmental issues facing both developing and developed nations. Canada also provides assistance to Malaysia and other ASEAN countries through CIDA in the area of forestry and natural resources management. More recently, in the context of its commitment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances and the Depletion of the Ozone Layer, Canada has provided financial assistance toward the completion of a case study which would help determine how Malaysia could comply with the Protocol. Finally, Canada is currently considering a request by the Sarawak Parks Ministry for assistance in the training of some of its officers through enrolment in relevant programs at Canadian institutions and attachments in Canada.

Canada is actively involved in bilateral law enforcement co-operation with Malaysia. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police has provided police assistance to Malaysia since 1979, including the training of Malaysian police personnel in Canada under the Observer Attachment Program and at the Canadian Police College, as well as on-site training under the National Drug Strategy. Intermediate and senior police personnel have been offered the opportunity to attend management courses at the Canadian Police College.

The Coaching Association of Canada, with the assistance of External Affairs and International Trade Canada, has participated in a joint coaching development project with the National Sports Council of Malaysia. In addition to providing technical seminars, Canadian experts have offered extended coaching programs in Malaysia and are currently investigating training programs in Canada for Malaysian athletes.

5.3 Provincial Co-operation

Provincial activities in Malaysia centre mainly on trade promotion but also include areas such as training and education, development assistance efforts through CIDA funding, and institutional linkages.

The Government of British Columbia has participated in a number of international education and training projects in Malaysia, some of which have been implemented in co-operation with or with the support of CIDA and IDRC. British Columbia remains a popular destination for international students from Malaysia coming to Canada. In 1991, a four-week summer school for B.C. teachers was held in Kuala Lumpur and two B.C. students spent three months studying in a Malaysian school. It is expected that such activities will continue in future. The provincial Ministry of Education has supported teacher study tours of Malaysia and is actively involved in arranging school twinnings.

A large number of Alberta engineering, oil and gas, and training missions have visited Malaysia. In addition, the participation of delegates from Malaysia in the INTERCAN '89 program resulted in the negotiation of management, engineering and service contracts with Alberta companies. In the area of training and education, Malaysia has participated in several programs provided by Alberta institutes such as the Alberta Summer Institute for Petroleum Industry Development, telecommunications training provided by the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, and curriculum development training provided by Grant MacEwan College. In addition, under a program funded by the Asian Development Bank, the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology is providing consulting services to Malaysia in the procurement of plastics technology equipment.

The province of Quebec organizes approximately two trade missions each year to Malaysia to promote exports and the formation of joint ventures between Quebec and Malaysian firms. The province has also provided financial assistance to a number of firms from Quebec exploring market opportunities in Malaysia. Ontario's activities in Malaysia have consisted mainly of the promotion of the Ontario service sector through the Ontario International Corporation.