

The objectives for
Canada's Year of Asia Pacific
were:

- To expand Canada's economic partnerships with the Asia Pacific region and to equip Canada to play an increasingly dynamic role in the emerging Pacific community
- To increase participation in Asia Pacific markets by Canadian business, especially small and medium-sized enterprises, by providing more information on opportunities in the region and on how best to act on them
- To enhance understanding of common concerns relating to peace and security, human rights and legal reform, environmental and social development, culture, education and other areas
- To ensure a lasting legacy through new partnerships between Canadian and Asia Pacific business and cultural institutions, as well as better collaboration between governments and the involvement of youth and Asian Canadians