

"In addition, and in keeping with the recommendations of the recent Parliamentary committee study of CIDA, the Canadian government will establish a Canada-ASEAN Centre in the region which will provide a stronger Canadian presence and a greater focus for CIDA's regional programs" he added.

The Canada-ASEAN Centre, as an initiative to decentralize CIDA operations and working closely with Canada's diplomatic representatives in the region will provide coordination in the field, particularly for CIDA's ASEAN human resource development programs and counselling on Canadian educational services.