

sustainable development objectives, enhance career opportunities, and build relationships in Asia Pacific.

The International Association of Students in Economics and Business Management (AISEC) National Congress had the distinction of hosting the first CYAP youth event, held in Winnipeg, from January 1 to 6, 1997. Participants explored youth's role in an interdependent global society, with an emphasis on Asia Pacific. Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy and CYAP Ambassador John Bell both addressed the conference, speaking of the need to increase Canada's links with the region and challenging delegates to devote more of their organization's resources to partnerships in Asia Pacific.

Global Vision, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping youth access opportunities in the global marketplace, organized a series of workshops at universities across the country where over 700 students and teachers learned about international trade, culture, and career opportunities in several high-growth sectors. The legacy of these workshops was the establishment of a Canadian Training centre in each location. The workshops also included a national competition where participants were selected to travel to Southeast Asia on a Junior Team Canada trade mission. When they returned home, CYAP had gained thirty new ambassadors as each of the Junior Team Canada members made presentations to their local Chambers of Commerce, business, and school groups.

Capilano College, in North Vancouver is another institution that has shown great commitment to preparing young Canadians for careers in Asia Pacific. The college's Asia Pacific Management Cooperative Education Program (APMCP) is turning out a new generation of Canadians with the knowledge, language skills, cultural understanding and work experience necessary to succeed in the region. At the only CYAP event to take place on foreign soil, over 170 Capilano associates, alumni, and faculty gathered with government representatives and business people in Bali, Indonesia for a conference to report on their experiences in Asia Pacific and suggest Canadian strategies for the new millennium. The APMCP will follow up on these discussions with a series of one-day workshops in Halifax, Montreal, Calgary, and Vancouver in February 1998. This event will feature six Asia-based alumni who will share information on how young Canadian professionals can access opportunities in Asia Pacific.

Cultural events and business forums may have been more numerous, but youth was the common thread running throughout Canada's Year of Asia Pacific. The voice of youth was heard at APEC meetings, and business events. At cultural events, their unique perspectives provided some of CYAP's most enlightening moments. For example, the University of Lethbridge sponsored a collaborative project where two performing artists from Indonesia and one from Canada created a new work involving 15-20 young Lethbridge performers who toured Southern Alberta from October 1997 to March 1998.

Across Canada, educators, artists, and young performers were supported by CYAP's cultural program in their efforts to provide Canadians with a colourful, and interesting introduction to the diversity of Asia Pacific. Arts educator Bernice Hume worked with the Durham Board of Education and the North York Board of Education to create an integrated curriculum unit that explores Asia Pacific arts, stories, cultural heritage and languages for two weeks in each district. The Swift Current Multicultural Council also developed a special study