

5.0 THE APFC

5.1 Some Background Information About the APFC and its Mandate

The Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada (APFC) was established under an Act of Parliament in 1984. It is non-profit organization, having the tax status of a charity, and receiving some of its core funding from DFAIT and CIDA. Also it delivers part of the Pacific 2000 program for DFAIT.

The purpose of the Foundation is to develop closer ties between the peoples and institutions of Canada and the peoples and institutions of the Asia-Pacific Region by:

- (a) promoting mutual awareness and understanding of the cultures, histories, religions, philosophies, languages, life styles and aspirations in the Asia-Pacific region and Canada and their effects on each other's societies;
- (b) supporting development cooperation between organizations, institutions and associations in Canada and in the Asia-Pacific region;
- (c) promoting collaboration among organizations, institutions and associations in private and public sectors in Canada and the Asia-Pacific region;
- (d) promoting closer economic and commercial ties between Canada and the Asia-Pacific region;
- (e) promoting, in Canada, scholarship in and expertise on economic, cultural, social and other subjects relating to the Asia-Pacific region, and in the Asia-Pacific, scholarship in and expertise on economic, cultural, social and other subjects relating to Canada; and
- (f) collecting information and ideas relating to Canada and the Asia-Pacific region and disseminating such information and ideas within Canada and the Asia-Pacific region.

The APFC is managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of a Chairman and not more than thirty other directors. The first members of the Board are to consist of the Chairman and nine other directors appointed by the Governor in Council (after consultation by the Minister of Foreign Affairs with the Board) for terms of three years. Up to twenty other directors may be appointed by the Board, for terms of three years, after consultations with provincial governments, and any interested individuals, corporations and organizations. One seat on the Board is reserved for the President of the APF. All directors may be re-appointed, but no person may be appointed to the Board more than three times.

The Board is empowered to appoint a President, whose term of office is three years, but