

- (4) Launch a pilot program at one or two of the major universities in Taipei (National Taiwan University, National Cheng Chi University are good candidates) which would involve a year long seminar on aspects of Canadian history, politics and culture. This might take the form of a monthly lecture by a visiting Canadian faculty member and a seminar following each lecture which would feature prominent Taiwanese academics in discussion. It would be necessary to arrange an academic co-sponsor in Taiwan as well as support from such organizations as the Canadian Society in Taiwan, the Taipei Council on Canadian Affairs, and the CTOT. Again, the OSCEE could play a facilitating role in conjunction with either the AUCC or a regional organization such as the JCAPS.

INSTITUTIONAL LINKAGES, CONFERENCES AND JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS

It is worth emphasizing that Taiwanese academics have not been isolated from the outside world. Their top scholars and researchers are extremely well connected with leading institutes and universities in the United States, Japan, South Korea and, to a lesser extent, Western Europe. The best institutions are increasingly selective in assessing new bilateral projects. And there is a concerted effort by the Ministry of Education to see more institutes and universities involved.

Beyond its intellectual merits and research payoff, increased contact between scholars is an essential step in attracting first-rate graduate students. The best students in Taiwan have many options open to them. The reputation of Canadian institutions as well as personal contacts are crucial in getting them to choose the comparatively unfamiliar path to Canada.

The matching of institutions and scholars is a process best left to the scholars themselves. Government can be helpful in the following ways.

Specific steps:

- (1) A national organization such as the AUCC should convene a conference on promoting academic exchange between institutions in Taiwan and Canada. The main participants would be Canadian scholars involved in research exchanges, provincial officials responsible for promoting educational exchanges, and selected scholars and educational officials from Taiwan. It perhaps could be timed to coincide with the CTBA meetings. The location could either be in Canada or Taiwan.
- (2) Make available a small fund for special grants to academic conferences and research projects which link leading research institutions in Taiwan and Canada. The funds would be allocated to supplement other sources of