

students and for the gifts you will want to bring to Japan, but also for the special activities and visits for your Japanese guests.

- Student orientation will be important, both for your students going to Japan and for Japanese students when they arrive.

Student Visits

You may not be planning to set up a school exchange or visit but may have students who wish to visit Japan. The following publication lists Canadian organizations involved in national and international, individual and group exchanges at all age levels: Exchange Opportunities for Canadians, published by the Canadian Studies and Special Projects Directorate, Secretary of State Canada. In Ontario, you may wish to contact the Ontario Student Exchange Foundation.

To obtain information and resource materials on Japan, please contact the Japan National Tourist Organization in Toronto.

JAPAN FOUNDATION LANGUAGE CENTRE

SANTA MONICA CALIFORNIA

Established in 1992, the Centre is responsible for the Japan Foundation's language-related programs in North America including:

- organizing and conducting seminars and training courses on Japanese language, culture and teaching methods;
- conducting consultations on Japanese-language materials, teaching methods and curriculum planning,
- offering library and information services.

Its staff are willing to attend, join, or assist workshops, conferences, or support other Japanese-language related needs. The Centre will be

compiling a newsletter to help Japanese instructors network.

Canadian institutions and teachers of Japanese language may use the services of the Centre. A 1-800 number for a trouble-shooting hotline for Canadians is currently under discussion.

THE ASIA PACIFIC FOUNDATION OF CANADA

The Asia Pacific Foundation is an independent non-profit national organization established in 1984 by an act of Parliament. Core funding is provided by External Affairs and International Trade Canada (EAITC), and support also comes from several provincial governments and the private sector. The Foundation manages a variety of initiatives designed to help Canadians become more competitive in the Asia Pacific region (including Japan) and acts as a catalyst and information source for Canadian business, education and other sectors. The Foundation has five offices across Canada and three in Asia.

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA PROGRAMS

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE CANADA (EAITC)

The Government of Canada has recognized the urgent need to improve Canadians' knowledge of Japan, competence in the Japanese language and capacity to prosper from increasing ties in trade, investment, tourism, culture and education. The following programs are those relevant to secondary education in Canada. While External Affairs and International Trade provides the funding for these initiatives, the Asia Pacific Foundation manages the funds and the programs.

