

5.2 Other Areas of Co-operation

Outside the trade sphere and CIDA-sponsored projects in the Philippines, ties and contacts between organizations and institutions in both countries are not well developed. The following section briefly describes initiatives under way in key sectors of co-operation.

Agriculture

Agriculture Canada's interest in the Philippines is very recent. Departmental representatives visited the country in early 1990 to explore potential areas of co-operation and marketing opportunities for Canadian exports. Meetings were held with government livestock officials and the Asian Development Bank. It is expected that an export market development plan in the agriculture sector will be developed by Agriculture Canada in 1990 for the Philippines.

Two agriculture-related trade missions to the Philippines took place in the first half of 1990 to explore market opportunities for canola and swine. The Philippines is expected to send representatives to the International Dairy Congress scheduled for October 1990 in Montreal.

Telecommunications

CIDA is involved in three separate projects in the telecommunications sector in the Philippines: the five-year, \$5 million, Philippines Telecommunications Technical Assistance Project, designed to support the restructuring of the telecommunications industry; the \$450 000 Telecommunications Pilot Project at Batangas; and the Telecommunication Import Support Program (\$15 million CIDA grant and \$27 million EDC line of credit) which is aimed at improving the telecommunications infrastructure in the central Philippines and Mindanao.

External Affairs and International Trade Canada, Canada's Department of Communications and the Canadian private sector fund the Telecommunications Executive Management Interchange Centre (TEMIC) which is located in Montreal. TEMIC provides training in the management and use of telephone and communications systems for ministry and agency representatives from developing countries. To date, four high-level officials from the Philippines have participated in TEMIC courses aimed at senior and executive managers.

Environment and Natural Resources

A \$4.9 million CIDA project in the area of environmental management is currently being implemented under the leadership of Dalhousie University. It will enable Canadian universities and private-sector representatives to provide Philippine universities with expertise in environmental and resource management. The Environment and Natural Resource Management Project brings together government agencies, the academic community and non-governmental organizations to work jointly on resource management issues in the Philippines. Through policy studies, the project provides support for the Philippines' Department of Environment and Natural Resources whose main aim is the development and implementation of a national strategy of sustainable development.

Transportation

CIDA is currently funding a \$1.46 million, three-year, Philippine Airport Security project. The project, being implemented by CAE Electronics and Lavalin Aviation of Canada, involves airport security training, both in Canada and in the Philippines, of personnel from the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Authority, and the provision of technical assistance and security equipment.

Defence

The Canadian Forces Attaché located in Kuala Lumpur is accredited to the Philippines and provides advice on military matters and liaises with the Armed Forces of the Philippines. An important component of this arrangement is the identification of defence equipment acquisition programs which are of interest to Canada's defence industry.

In conjunction with a Canadian Forces naval training cruise in the summer of 1990, Canadian warships made a series of courtesy calls in a number of East Asian ports, including the Philippines.