

commenced, participants being specialists from both countries who came together to discuss such areas of possible co-operation as new energy, biotechnology, disaster prevention, space, oceans and the earth. Apparently these fora have resulted in proposals for future co-operation.

• **International Research Exchanges:**

Japan considers it important to carry out activities in the area of international research exchanges in the context of international co-operation in response to global expectations for Japan's contribution to the world. To perform this role, the CSTP operates the "Comprehensive International Research Funds for Promoting S&T" programme. In order to foster the seeds of and further development in future international joint research, this programme allows Japanese researchers to be sent overseas, and invitations to be sent to overseas researchers to come to Japan.

JSPS operates a wide range of international joint programmes with Asian countries, such as the Core University Programme:

- International Fellowship Programmes
- Fellowship by JSPS (MEXT)
- Co-operative Research Fellowship by JSPS (MEXT)
- Fellowship for Research in Japan by JSPS (MEXT)
- Foreign Researcher Invitation Programme of Telecommunication Advancement Organization of Japan - TAO (MPHPT)
- JIRCAS Fellowship Programme (Japan International Research Centre for Agricultural Sciences; MAFF)
- International Co-operative Research Project (JST)
- MEXT Research Experience Fellowship for Young Researchers (This programme was officially launched in 1995 to strengthen further scientific exchanges targeting young post-doctoral researchers or candidates. It is hoped that Canada can send 5 researchers next year).

6. Canada's Science and Technology Counsellor in Japan

The Work of the S&T Counsellor in Japan:

The S&T Counsellor (S&TC) in the Tokyo post plays a significant role in the Investment, Technology and Science Section of the Embassy, contributing to the achievement of the overall objectives of the section. The expertise that the S&T Counsellor possesses contributes in particular to the elevation of an image of Canada into that of a nation which is strong in S&T, not only in the biomedical sector which is his professional specialisation (Ph.D. in physiology), but also in such other key sectors as earth and environmental science, nuclear research (especially fusion), and space. The S&T Counsellor's work is assisted by a Technology Development Officer (TDO), and three other staff members.