

Visits were organized for foreign journalists and decision-makers from G-7 countries, Latin America and Eastern Europe.

Senior government officials were provided with advice and guidance on promoting Canada's programs and policies among their counterparts.

The electronic parliamentary monitoring service for missions continued, and a new system for forwarding relevant ministerial speeches to missions abroad was introduced.

International Sports Relations

The International Sports Relations Program furthers Canada's foreign policy and trade objectives through sport.

Extensive support was provided to the Toronto Ontario Olympic Council in its bid for the 1996 Olympic Games. A proposal to strengthen Commonwealth sport was developed and endorsed at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in October 1989. Support was also provided to the organizers of the successful Thunder Bay bid for the 1995 World Nordic Ski Championships; the Canada-Soviet Fit Trek Challenge, which twinned 11 Soviet cities with 11 Canadian ones for winter fitness activities; international

conferences dealing with the future of sport and sport for the disabled; and the encouragement of non-racial sport in South Africa.

Library Services

The Department's library serves not only EAITC but also other federal government departments, provincial governments, private industry, and financial and academic institutions.

The number of research queries coming to the library annually continues to soar. In 1989, these queries totalled almost 115,000, an increase of 20,000 over the previous year, and a rise of 74 per cent over the past decade.

Service to posts, combining research and acquisitions statistics, has increased 33 per cent over 1988 figures. Under the inter-library loan agreement, the library reciprocates in its sharing of resources with other libraries.

Special projects under way in 1989 and continuing at present are the construction of the new library in Tokyo (including the cataloguing of its collection) and a complete review of library services in Mexico.

The Automated Index for United Nations documentation has been made available to the library. Other databases from international organizations now