

of which thirty six have been initiated or accepted. These fell under the following subject headings:

Cultural Exchanges & Seminars: Business & Government	4
Performing Arts/Visual Arts/Printed Words/Festivals	7
Aimed at Young Audiences	11
Audio Visual Productions	9
Formal Education	1
Miscellaneous	4
TOTAL	36

It is difficult to gage the number of people who may have attended some of these events or benefitted from such activities as the film festivals or Dragon boat events in Canada. Nevertheless, even with this program's few resources, augmented by outside funding, the Cultural Awareness Programs match in many cases the broad objectives outlined for the Foundation under the Act.

6.2.6 Canadian Secretariats for PECC and PBEC

In many ways, the operation of the Canadian Secretariats for PECC (1993/94 budget \$180,000, no core funding) and PBEC (1993/94 budget \$40,000, no core funding) contributes to the very essence of the APFC's mandate. Not only do these institutional support mechanisms serve to enhance Canadian competitiveness in the Asia Pacific by creating networks, they also actively serve to promote collaboration between private and public sector institutions in Canada and the Asia Pacific, promote closer economic ties with the region, and act as vehicles for the collection and dissemination of information and ideas relating to Canada and the Asia-Pacific region.

The Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC)

The Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC) is a unique, tripartite association, bringing together an extensive network of business, government and research experts from twenty-one countries around the Pacific Rim. By combining the practical experience of the private sector with the analytical capabilities of the academic community, PECC's niche is in tackling a broad range of economic and trade challenges facing the region. As an official observer to APEC, PECC's analysis and policy recommendations can, in turn, be forwarded to government officials for their consideration.

Canadians are able to participate in the work of PECC through the Canadian National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (CANCPEC). Since January 1991, the CANCPEC Secretariat has operated from the APFC's Vancouver office, staffed by one