

- Expanded Asian language instruction, particularly in Japanese, at the university level combined with applied study in sciences, engineering and other professional fields;
- Support for secondary school programs of language study and cultural awareness, including exchange programs.

Second, we need more effective scientific and technological cooperation, especially with Japan. While I would not wish to prejudge the recommendations that will be made to our two Prime Ministers in the joint complementarity study, our objective is clear. We need a framework for expanded programs of exchanges, direct support for cooperative efforts in key scientific areas and more modest programs to help Canadian institutions and researchers work with their Japanese counterparts.

Third, we must strengthen the trade and investment efforts that we began with the national trade strategy. That could include the opening of new offices in the region, sector-specific programs of export promotion, targeted investment attraction programs, and support for attempts to establish collaborative ventures with Asia companies to penetrate third-country markets.

Fourth, we need more programs to help Canadians learn about Asia and vice versa. For example, we should encourage and assist research on Pacific-related issues by our universities and foundations, including the Asia-Pacific Foundation; fund visits to Canada by young Asian leaders and prominent journalists; support "internships" by young Canadians in Japan and young Japanese in Canada; and expand the communications and culture program centered in the tremendous facilities which our new Embassy in Tokyo will offer us.

The United States, Australia, and all the major European nations pursue programs which are similar in thrust to the kind I see us exploring - the problem is that these competitors are already actively supporting projects and programs that risk giving them a better understanding of, and better visibility in, Japan and other key regional countries. It is worthy remembering that of all the OECD countries, only Australia is as dependent on its trade with Asia as is Canada.

The final element I believe we should be pursuing is the question of Pacific institutionalization. There is no Pacific equivalent to the network of the North Atlantic organizations and institutions that link the European and North American countries politically, economically and in the preservation of peace.