

Canada's Year of Asia Pacific as of December 13, 1996

January 1997

Winnipeg 1-6 January	AISEC National Congress
Vancouver 6-10 January	Fifth Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum
8-20 January	Team Canada 1997 mission to Korea, the Philippines and Thailand
Victoria 25 January-3 February	APEC Senior Officials' Meeting
Montreal 30 January-2 February	McGill University Model APEC Forum
January	Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada - First annual report on the state of Canada-Asia Pacific Relations

February 1997

Vancouver, Toronto 6-9 February	Chinese New Year festivities
Ottawa 7-23 February	Winterlude (Chinese theme)
10-17 February	National Citizenship Week
Toronto 16-18 February	Agri-food round table and seminar event with agri-food trade specialists and buyers groups from Asia Pacific
Vancouver 24-27 February	INTER COMM 97 (Global Communications Congress and Exhibition)

March 1997

Toronto 3-9 March	Canadian Music Week 97 - International (focus on Asia Pacific)
Vancouver 4 March	Seminar and Trade Display on the Role of Service Sector in Industrial Science and Technology (focus on Asia Pacific)
Vancouver 5-6 March	APEC Industrial Science & Technology Working Group meeting
Toronto 13-14 March	Asia Pacific Conference "Building on Team Canada success"
17-24 March	Asia Pacific Trade Week in Atlantic Canada: St. John's, Newfoundland; Halifax, Nova Scotia; Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Moncton, New Brunswick

April 1997

Toronto (tbc) 27-29 April	APEC Meeting of Environment Ministers on Sustainable Development
Toronto 30 April-4 May	Meeting of Women Entrepreneurs of Canada

May 1997

Montreal 4-6 May	ASEAN-Canada Business Council
Calgary 4-6 May	Conference Board of Canada Conference: Reaching for Success: Business and Education Working Together
Winnipeg 4-11 May	Asia Connects/Cherchons l'Asie Youth Conference
Montreal 6-7 May	Joint Cooperation Committee Canada-ASEAN
Montreal 7-8 May	ASEAN Institutes of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS)
Montreal 7-9 May	APEC Business Symposium on Customs Procedures
Montreal 9-10 May	APEC Trade Ministerial Meeting
Montreal 11-13 May	3rd annual "Conférence de Montréal" (Asia Pacific focus)
Vancouver 11-15 May	Seventh ACI-Pacific Regional Assembly and Conference (Airports Council International)
Quebec City 11-20 May	APEC Senior Officials' Meeting
Toronto 12-13 May	Canada-Japan Business Committee - 20th anniversary
Banff 22-24 May	APEC Study Centre Consortium Conference
Montreal 26-29 May	16th Meeting of the APEC Human Resources Development Working Group

June 1997

Winnipeg 3-6 June	Canada-Taiwan Business Association
Victoria 22-24 June	APEC Transport Ministerial Meeting

August 1997

Geneva Park 7-10 August	Annual Couchiching Conference (Asia Pacific focus)
St. John's 20-31 August	APEC Senior Officials' Meeting
Edmonton 25-29 August	APEC Energy Ministerial Meeting
Vancouver 25-28 August	Fourth World Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention

September 1997

Saskatoon 2-6 September	APEC Symposium on Food, Energy, Environment, Economic development and Population growth (FEEEP)
Ottawa 13-15 September	Senior Women Leaders' Network Meeting - Asia Pacific
Ottawa 17-18 September	APEC Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Business Forum and Exposition
Ottawa 18-19 September	APEC Ministerial Meeting on Small and Medium-sized Enterprises

October 1997

Quebec City 5-7 October	Alliance of Manufacturers and Exporters of Canada
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November 1997

Vancouver November	APEC Informal Senior Officials' Meeting
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"	APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) Dialogue with APEC Economic Leaders
"	Canadian Consortium on Asia Pacific Security (CANCAPS) Conference
"	APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting

CYAP Cultural Program



Canada's growing involvement with Asia Pacific will be reflected throughout 1997 in the arts and cultural sectors.

"Canadian foreign policy celebrates and promotes Canadian culture and learning as an important way of advancing our interests in international affairs", said Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy.

Special events highlighting everything from ancient craft traditions maintained by modern artisans, to the latest in Asian television production techniques will showcase for Canadians the richness of cultural life among our Asia Pacific partners.

In addition, Canadian artists, heritage agencies, cultural and ethnocultural groups whose work or programs in 1997 include an Asia Pacific theme or dimension will be featured through exhibitions, performances, screenings and festivals throughout the Year.

In the new year, Mr. Axworthy will launch the cultural program for Canada's Year of Asia Pacific at Harbourfront Centre in Toronto.

"CYAP will recognize the vital contributions of over two million Canadians of Asia Pacific descent", Minister Axworthy added.

If you wish to discuss a cultural project which includes an Asia Pacific element to see how you might become involved in CYAP in your region, call your CYAP Cultural Regional Coordinator:

Atlantic Canada	Mary Sparling	(902) 422-2100
Quebec	Colette Tougas	(514) 270-4571
Ontario	Andrew Lee	(416) 952-1937
The Prairies	Mary Chan	(306) 791-8778
British Columbia	Laura MacMaster/ Dorothy Lau	(604) 521-4785



The Asia Pacific region represents a significant proportion of the international tourist market to Canada. More than 26% of non-US tourists to Canada come from East Asia and the Pacific Islands.

Japan is Canada's third-largest source of direct investment (valued at \$12 billion in 1995) and second-largest source of portfolio investments (\$43.5 billion in March 1996)

How to Be Part of CYAP

The Government of Canada wants business associations and companies, cultural groups and youth organizations to be a part of Canada's Year of Asia Pacific.

If you are planning a business or professional event to explore export opportunities or to investigate new markets in Asia Pacific...

If you want to help young Canadians in your organization understand what the Asia Pacific region can mean for their future...

If your arts or cultural group can challenge Canadians to explore an Asia Pacific dimension of life in this country...

Your event could receive official designation and profile as part of CYAP. Recognition brings with it promotional assistance, as well as access to guest speakers and other resource persons.

For further information on how to apply for designation as an official CYAP event:

<http://www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/~cyap-acap>
or call
(613) 944-4000 (National Capital Region) or
1-800-267-8376

Look for future issues of CYAP Forum ACAP highlighting APEC and:

- agriculture and agri-food;
- energy;
- environment;
- small and medium-sized enterprises;
- trade;
- youth;
- transport;
- culture.

