

clearly interconnected. A successful strategy will involve simultaneous initiatives in all three.

As a preliminary step, the first recommendation is to form a small group for advancing educational and academic relations with Taiwan.

Specifically:

- (1) Create an Educational and Academic Working Group on Taiwan to gather information and offer detailed proposals on the timing and substance of Canadian initiatives. Its composition would include a representative of DEA, a representative from a national level educational association such as the AUCC, and two or three academics with experience in Taiwan.

ATTRACTING TAIWANESE STUDENTS TO CANADIAN POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

There is a very large export "market" of students that can potentially be tapped. Canada is clearly in a position of playing catch up to the United States. The American presence in Taiwan at the cultural and educational level is enormous and long standing. But we have even fallen behind newer competitors such as Australia, Austria, Belgium and the U.K. Britain has recently taken a new initiative in creating a four person addition to its Anglo-Taiwan Trade Committee which is responsible for educational affairs.

The recent opening of an educational office attached to the British Columbia Trade Office is a useful move. Despite occasional efforts by the Canadian Society in Taipei, which has about 200 members, the most basic material about Canadian educational institutions is not being collected or disseminated. Ironically, the only collection of this material is held at the library of the American Institute in Taiwan.

Two areas - institution building and scholarships - need special attention.

Specific steps:

- (1) Open an Office for Sino-Canadian Educational Exchange (OSCEE) attached to the Canadian Trade Office in Taipei. Its objectives would be: (a) to disseminate information in Taiwan about Canadian institutions of post-secondary education; (b) to facilitate the preparation of visa applications, admission forms, etc.; (c) to assist academic cooperation between scholars and administrators in Taiwan and Canada. It would be funded by participating provincial governments and the federal government, perhaps through the medium of an annual grant to the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.