## EDUCATION



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Key products/services: English language school

One of Canada's premier and well-established English language schools, Vancouver Maple Leaf Language College (VLC) has been offering quality year-round English as a Second Language training to international

students since 1990. We offer a wide variety of high quality ESL related programs and support services. Japan is one of our largest and most important trading partners, and we have been active in this market since our inception.

The objective of Vancouver Maple Leaf Language College in joining the Team Canada Mission is to establish and maintain relationships with study abroad representatives in Japan, and to promote international education as one of Canada's leading exports. In addition, Ms. Curl is currently President of the Canadian Association of Private Language Schools (CAPLS).

Over the past nine years, VLC has exported to over 40 countries. During this time, VLC has established representative agreements with several hundred study abroad companies and has trained over 7,000 international students.

## ENVIRONMENT



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Mr. David Stowe

Key products/services: Administers the lands and waterways

The Vancouver Port Authority (VPA) is a corporation which was established by the Government of Canada in March 1999, pursuant to the Canada Marine Act, and is accountable to the federal Minister of Transport. The VPA administers the lands and waterways of Port Vancouver which is Canada s largest and busiest port. The VPA is also the largest Port in North America in terms of foreign exports and the number one port on the West Coast for total cargo handled.

Port Vancouver is a major economic engine both locally and nationally. The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) generated by Port Vancouver adds \$1.68 billion to the Canadian economy. More than 10,700 people help to move more than \$30 billion in goods to and from more than 90 trading economies. Over 60% of Port Vancouver's exports are destined for Asian markets. In 1998, total inbound and outbound tonnage with Japan was 20.7 million tonnes with 2.1 million tonnes in container traffic.