

THE ASIA PACIFIC FOUNDATION OF CANADA

Through its Head Office in Vancouver and seven regional offices, the Asia Pacific Foundation administers funding for the main program components of the Language and Awareness Fund, often through other institutions such as universities and colleges. The APF receives core funding from EAITC

Regional Language and Awareness Centres. Regional centres, based at universities and other institutions of higher learning across Canada, receive funding for language training and applied Asian Studies programs. The funding supports curriculum development designed specifically for the private sector, applied Asian studies and language training in Japanese, Chinese (Cantonese and Mandarin), Korean, Thai and Bahasa. Support is also available for a co-op program in Asia Pacific applied-studies and language training.

Outreach Training Program. The program focuses on providing short-term intensive Asian language training close to the workplace for employees of Canadian businesses operating in Asia. Under the program, regional centres at universities and other institutions receive funding to develop tailored language and awareness training packages for companies which cannot spare their employees for a long period of time. Emphasis is placed on development of portable and distance education programs.

Corporate Language Course Participation. This program provides assistance to employees from small and medium-sized firms to participate in Asian language training and applied Asian Studies programs. Funding is provided directly to private sector companies to offset course fees and associated costs of their employees' participation in such courses.