

Days in Montreal, the International Conference on the Performing Arts in Montreal, the Harbourfront International Festival of Authors in Toronto and the Banff Television Festival.

Canadian studies abroad

Encouragement of Canadian studies in foreign universities continued to be a priority of the Department's academic relations program. As a reflection of this fact and the increased foreign policy focus on the Pacific Rim, the Secretary of State for External Affairs announced, during an official visit to Japan, the implementation of a major Canadian studies research award, the Canada-Japan Research Award. Valued at \$50 000, it is to be offered annually, with the objective of stimulating publishable research about Canada or Canada-Japan relations on the part of Japanese universities. A group of research scholars at Tsukuba University won the first award.

Associations of Canadian studies outside Canada are those in the United States, France, Italy, Japan, the German-speaking countries, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand, the Scandinavian countries and Britain. In addition, regional Canadian studies associations exist in Britain and the United States. In 1984, the North East Council for Quebec Studies changed its name to the American Council for Quebec Studies in recognition of the fact that its membership is nationwide.

The membership of these associations, which totals 2 000-2 500, reflects a continuing growth of interest abroad in university-level teaching, research and publication about Canada.

Government of Canada Awards

Government of Canada Awards were made available to foreign nationals of 19 countries at the graduate and post-graduate level during the year. Similar awards are offered to Canadians by other countries in this reciprocal program.

Mois Chercheurs Program

Under this program, designed to enhance the academic relationship with France, Canada offers French researchers a total of 140 research months in Canada, and France offers Canadian researchers the same number of research months in France. The program covers all academic exchanges.

Academic Exchange Program with the People's Republic of China

This program, designed to enhance the academic relationship

with China, provides for 12 Chinese students to study in Canada, and for 12 Canadian students to study in China.

Historical affairs

The Historical Division is the custodian of documents conveying the history of the Department and Canada's past foreign policy.

The collection, organization and dissemination of primary source material on the development of the Department and of Canada's external relations continued to be its primary responsibility, and at least 1 100 enquiries for information and access to files were handled during the past year. In order to make available as much material as possible, files less than 30 years old were screened to identify information to which researchers could be granted access. When documents could not be released, the Division arranged instead for interviews with appropriate officials.

Another means of assisting researchers is through publication of *Documents on Canadian External Relations*. Two volumes in this series, covering 1944 and 1945, are nearing publication and documents have also been selected for future volumes on 1948 and 1949. Editing for the 1950-55 period is now underway.

Work continued on the history of the Department from its origins in 1909 up to 1968, under the guidance of an editorial board comprising present and former departmental officials, as well as representatives from universities, the press and Parliament.

The Division continued to accept many invitations to speak to university and other audiences across the country. Under the Division's oral history program, there was a renewed effort to record the recollections of those who have served within the Department and abroad.

International sports

The Department, through the consulate general in Los Angeles, supported the athletes and staff of the 1984 Canadian Olympic Team. In March 1985, sports exchange agreements were concluded with the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Korea during the visits to those countries of the Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport. The Minister of Sport of the German Democratic Republic visited Canada, where he and his Canadian counterpart agreed on bilateral sports exchanges for 1986, and where he inspected preparations for the 1988 Winter Olympic Games in Calgary.