

disbursements by CIDA to Malaysia in 1989/90 were approximately \$2.3 million.

As an Associate Member of SEAMEO (Southeast Asia Ministers of Education Organization) since 1988, Canada has assisted in the development of Integrated Community-Based Human Resource Development projects in the region. With continued sponsorship from CIDA in 1990 of CDN \$8.3 million, Phase II of SEAMEO-Canada Co-operation began. By promoting institutional linkages between SEAMEO Centres and Canadian universities and colleges, and by providing technical assistance and training, it is expected that the institutional capacities of the SEAMEO Centres will be strengthened and their strategic management capabilities enhanced during this second phase of co-operation.

### **4.3 Canada-ASEAN Program**

Malaysia is also host to a number of projects and activities pursued under the ASEAN-Canada Development Co-operation Program, including the ASEAN Institute of Forestry Management Project located in Kuala Lumpur. A second phase of this project has been approved. Total CIDA disbursements for development co-operation programming in the ASEAN region since its inception have reached over \$23 million.

### **4.4 International Development Research Centre (IDRC)**

The IDRC supports research and development activities in a number of developing countries such as Malaysia. The IDRC maintains a regional office in Singapore and provides financial assistance for research activities identified and carried out by local scientists and universities. The IDRC has supported over 130 scientific research projects in Malaysia for total disbursements of approximately \$15.4 million. In 1992, a total of 44 projects were at various stages of implementation.