

If Malaysia is to achieve its bold "Vision 2020" objectives, human resource development will be essential. As the Malaysian economy shifts to a focus on the advanced manufacturing and service sectors, there will continue to be a critical need for an educated workforce.... Canada has much to offer Malaysian students wishing to study overseas and is on the leading edge of provision of education services.... If you [students] investigate carefully, I think you will find that Canada is the best bargain in quality education. On an average annual basis, it is significantly less expensive to study in Canada than in the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia, or New Zealand. Canada boasts a system of over 70 universities that offer undergraduate and graduate courses in all areas of business, engineering, computer science, health sciences, and humanities. Several Canadian universities have been rated among the top 20 in the world. In addition, many individual faculties have been rated among the top in the world. Canadian university degrees are among the most widely recognized in the world. Alongside the university system, there are also vast possibilities for studies at the post-secondary level in a well-developed network of community colleges and technical institutes.... Since Malaysian independence in 1957, over 70 000 Malaysians have been educated in Canada.

Notes for an address by the Honourable Raymond Chan, Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific), at Sunway College (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, August 11, 1994, 94/44)

We [the Canadian government] have been thinking hard about our relationship and have identified four main priorities for Canada in Malaysia. These include: maximizing Canadian participation in upcoming infrastructure projects; expanding our co-operation in the environmental sector, both in terms of government-to-government links and new business opportunities; revitalizing our education relationship, and, specifically, doubling the number of Malaysian students in Canada; and finally bringing the whole array of Canadian programs and support mechanisms into focus to support these objectives. Malaysia-Canada trade passed the billion-dollar boundary last year and is destined to surpass it again this year.

Notes for an address by the Honourable Raymond Chan, Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific), to the Malaysia-Canada Business Council "A New Focus for Canada in the Asia-Pacific Region" (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, August 11, 1994, 94/43)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 5-13, 1994:

UN International Conference on Population and Development (Cairo, Egypt)

October 24, 1994:

Launch of United Nations 50th Anniversary Commemoration Activities

November 25-26, 1994:

APEC Ministerial Meeting (Jakarta, Indonesia)

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