

In Indonesia, our aid has been realigned to take account of the Indonesian Government's abilities to carry out sustainable development, and to help link Indonesian and Canadian institutions. This marks quite a change from the time when our programmes were geared more directly to basic needs, and serves to show the very great advances made in this country under the Soeharto Government since 1966.

Institutional linkages are being established at a variety of levels between organizations in the public and private sectors, as well as voluntary organizations. Of special note are programmes to support the Open University of Indonesia through the open agency of British Columbia and the Islamic Institute in Indonesia through the Institute of Islamic Studies at McGill University in Montreal.

Areas of concentration of the aid programme include human resource development, environmental protection, water supply, regional development and programme assistance in the form of potash.

Last year in Singapore I opened the Canada-Asean Centre to coordinate those aid projects which have Asean-wide application, and to increase awareness about Canada within ASEAN generally. The new Director of this Centre has recently been named. He is Ian Robertson, who has a strong background in business and government, and he is here with us today.

The Canadian private sector has established a strong presence for itself in Indonesia. As an Albertan, I am pleased to note the strong Alberta-based component of our business presence. Asamera Oil, headquartered in Calgary, has been doing business here for nearly thirty years. I am very pleased to note the active participation in the work of the Canadian Business Association and the Indonesia-Canada Business Council of firms from across Canada.

These links provide a fitting backdrop to another step forward in Canada's growing partnership with ASEAN nations. I have the great pleasure to announce today that ASEAN Foreign Ministers have agreed to come to Canada, specifically Jasper, Alberta, from October 5 to 7, 1990, to a special Canada-ASEAN Ministerial meeting to discuss ways to strengthen cooperation between ASEAN nations and Canada.