

DR. MacGUIGAN left Singapore to make a two-day official visit to Thailand June 19-20. During his stay Dr. MacGuigan was the guest of Thailand's Minister of Foreign Affairs Air Chief Marshal Siddhi Savetsila.

The first day of Dr. MacGuigan's Thai visit was mainly devoted to discussions of multilateral and bilateral matters. Among the issues considered were the development of Canada's recently announced aid program, Indochinese refugees, Canada-ASEAN relationships, and North-South questions.

On the trade side, attention focussed on the nature of the commercial relationship and the desire for increased complementary business contacts. Reference was also made to Canadian participation in the energy, transportation and agricultural sectors of the Thai economy.

At a dinner hosted by ACM Siddhi, Dr. MacGuigan noted that 15 years ago there was no Canadian embassy in Bangkok, trade was almost non-existent, and a development co-operation program was minimal. In short, the two countries were beyond each other's horizons—politically, economically, and socially.

It was, he said, indicative perhaps of a changing world that Thailand and Canada were now very much in each other's view. And that was how it should be, for beyond the superficial dissimilarities of the two countries there was a deeper commonality, he added.

A meeting with Thailand's Prime Minister General Prem Tinsulanonda began the second day of Dr. MacGuigan's visit. During their talks they reviewed the regional situation and prospects for further co-operation between ASEAN and Canada.

Later, Dr. MacGuigan visited the Thai-Cambodian border for a military briefing at Wattana Nakorn and made a tour of Lahansai, in Buriram Province, to observe development projects for Thai citizens displaced by the border fighting.

While there, Dr. MacGuigan announced a contribution from the Canadian International Development Agency towards the Lahansai project, which is sponsored by His Majesty King Bhumipol.

Dr. MacGuigan said that the Canadian government's association with this project during the year of the Rattanakosin Bicentennial was intended especially to support the leadership in rural development taken by Thailand's royal family.

The Canadian assistance will provide an irrigation system for the more than 6,000 residents of the area. It will help residents of Amphur Lahansai to meet their basic nutrition requirements and to produce income by permitting the cultivation of a larger variety of crops in greater abundance than is possible at present.

Canada-ASEAN Developments

Canada's PM to Visit ASEAN

IT WAS recently announced in Ottawa that Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau will make official visits to all five member countries of ASEAN from September 19 to October 1, 1982.

His visits will afford the opportunity for exchanges of views on major international issues as well as bilateral political and economic matters of mutual interest.

Canada's relations with ASEAN have developed rapidly since 1975 and are multi-faceted. They include growing

commercial and economic relations, a shared interest in multilateral economic co-operation, such as the North-South Dialogue, and shared Commonwealth membership with Malaysia and Singapore.

ASEAN has contributed greatly to peace and stability in Southeast Asia. Canada has worked closely with its members in seeking a peaceful settlement in Cambodia and is playing a major role in international efforts to cope with the Indochina refugee problem.

CANEX '82: Forum for Joint Ventures

REPRESENTATIVES of 21 Canadian companies were in Singapore from June 22-24 to participate in Canada-ASEAN Joint Ventures 1982, or CANEX '82.

The purpose of CANEX '82 was to promote the transfer of appropriate technology through mutually beneficial joint-venture or licensing agreements between small and medium-size Canadian enterprises and their counterparts in ASEAN. More than 60 Singaporean businessmen visited the exhibition, joining 80 specially selected business representatives from the other four ASEAN countries.

CANEX '82 was funded and organized by the Canadian International Develop-

ment Agency under its Industrial Co-operation program, with the support of the Canadian embassies and high commissions in the region.

The Canadian firms represented at CANEX '82 manufacture a variety of products, ranging from grain drying systems, drilling equipment, electrical components, hydraulic valves and cranes, food processing systems, and communications equipment to solar heating technology.

A survey of the Canadian businessmen conducted at the conclusion of the exhibition showed that more than 80 opportunities identified with representatives from the five ASEAN countries.



More than 140 businessmen from ASEAN countries visited the exhibits of 21 Canadian manufacturing companies participating in CANEX '82 held at the Century Park Sheraton Hotel in Singapore.