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Transfer of technology theme of CAN-TEC 83 in Trinidad

Some 33 Canadian companies, representing the food and energy sectors, displayed their products, equipment and techniques at a transfer-of-technology exhibition called CAN-TEC 83 recently in Port of Spain, Trinidad.

Sponsored by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the exhibition was opened on April 18 by Canadian High Commissioner James Bissett and Trinidad's Industry Minister Desmond Cartey at the Hilton International Hotel, with over 500 guests in attendance, some of whom had come from all over the Caribbean and Central America and from many countries in South America. Director general Marc Faguy of CIDA spoke on the benefits of Canada's industrial co-operation program.

The four-day event included seminars on food and energy technology, as well as business symposiums and conferences on standards, which all drew full houses and were designed to foster the transfer

of technology and the development of joint ventures. One of the most significant changes recently in the world economy has been the impact of technological change on industrial performance in the developing world. Canada's industrial base maintains a high level of entrepreneurial activity and an internationally-recognized capacity for innovation. With the support of CIDA's industrial co-operation program, Canadian exhibitors, consultants and agencies are prepared to assist businessmen from the developing world to face the technological challenge to adapt to the shifting patterns of world industry through joint ventures and other mutually beneficial collaborations.

CAN-TEC 83, similar to TEC-CAN 82 held in São Paulo, Brazil last September also sponsored by CIDA, gave an opportunity to Canadian companies to showcase innovative technology and to form contacts with a view to entering into



Canadian High Commissioner James Bissett (centre) and Industry Minister Desmond Cartey of Trinidad open CAN-TEC 83, assisted by director general Marc Faguy of CIDA's industrial co-operation program.



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