

MALAYSIA

Hydro-Quebec International Opens Office

Hydro-Quebec International (HQI) a subsidiary of Hydro-Quebec opened a regional office for Asia and the Middle East in Kuala Lumpur in October, 1984. This is the first HQI's office outside Quebec. Mr. Michel P. Boudriau, formerly V.P. Marketing for HQI will head the Company's entrance into this new and promising market for the giant Canadian utility.

HQI was created in October 1978 to promote Hydro-Quebec's technology and expertise abroad and to support the consulting engineering firms that are closely associated with HQ's development. HQ itself was first both in terms of assets (\$25 billion) and profits (\$707 million) amongst Canadian companies in 1983 and has developed significant expertise in areas of hydro electric production and transmission during its 20 years of existence.

HQI initially started its operation in markets closer to home in South America and the Caribbean. HQI in association with some Canadian consulting engineering companies secured contracts in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Haiti, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela. The marketing for that continent continues to be carried out



through the Montreal office.

In the early 80's HQI expanded its activities to the African market. After three years of continuous effort, HQI managed to secure markets in Cameroun, Guinea, Mali, Senegal and Togo.

In order to more effectively market their product in Asia and the Middle East it was felt a continuous presence in the area was essential. The company has already secured contracts in Saudi Arabia, India and Bangladesh and hopes to expand its presence into Southeast Asia, given the great hydro-electric potential here.

Terry Fox Run Recalls Marathon of Hope

On September 23, a dedicated group of runners, joggers and walkers assembled in front of the residence of the Canadian High Commissioner in Kuala Lumpur, to take part in the fourth annual Terry Fox Memorial Run to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society.

While fewer in number than the hundreds of thousands who took part in similar events across Canada on the same day, this group of Canadians and Malaysians was full of determination. High Commissioner Small lent further fortification by recalling the achievements of Terry Fox.

The run is in memory of Terry Fox, a young Canadian who having lost a leg to cancer, undertook a cross-Canada run in 1981. Before being forced for health reasons to stop, Terry had completed 5376 km. and raised nearly Canadian \$23 million for cancer research.

What he also achieved was to inspire thousands of Canadians to continue to the work toward the objectives that he set when he began his Marathon of Hope. This was that through the collective efforts of all, it would be possible to find a cure for cancer. While he did not live to see this goal achieved, his legacy continues to inspire.

A group of 40 set out to cover the ten

kilometre route. While heat and humidity presented a daunting challenge, all but one runner completed the course. High Commissioner Small led the walkers, and among the runners a best time of 35 minutes was recorded. Prizes were awarded to best finishers, and all participants received a completion certificate.



Is the finish line in sight?

Computer to Assist in Medical Research

Canadian High Commissioner to Malaysia C.J. Small recently presented an IBM-compatible computer and a photocopy machine to the Social Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department of the University of Malaya.

This equipment, made available under the High Commission's Mission Administered Fund Program (MAF), will enable University researchers to monitor and analyze health data relating to Malaysia's urban poor, as well as to conduct studies in the field of maternal and child health. Specifically, the system will be used to monitor projects conducted by the Sang Kancil an innovative non-governmental organization based in Kuala Lumpur.

The launching ceremony itself was opened by Professor Khairuddin Yusof, Head of Social Obstetrics and Gynaecology; remarks by the University's Vice Chancellor, Royal Professor Ungku Aziz and the Canadian High Commissioner followed. Installation of the computer marks an important milestone in the creation of research opportunities at the University of Malaya, as both lecturers and students from the Science Faculty will have access to the equipment and will be provided the occasion to develop essential computer skills.

The Canadian contribution under MAF, totalling over \$18,000, is part of a larger grant to Sang Kancil. An additional \$29,000 has been allocated to the organization for the Sungei Bakau Community Development Project. These funds will facilitate improvements to the drinking water system and the establishment of a preschool in the kampong.