

exercise will be a documentary film series made up of one film from each ASEAN country. It is hoped that a small documentary film festival can be held to screen these films and to choose one or two films for submission to the Agenda project for world-wide screening. Some of the themes that were proposed were: the refugee problem from a Southeast Asia perspective; the ASEAN story of co-operation for mutual benefit; education and the media; transmigration and resettlement; food from the sea; the evolutionary development of some of the countries in the region — the problems they have faced and the solutions they have developed; and corruption — its forms and consequences.

Hormones to Help Fish Multiply

THE ONLY manufacturer in Canada of scintillator chemicals used in nuclear medicine has moved quickly into the aquaculture field with the help of Canada's International Development Research Council (IDRC), and is active in ASEAN countries.

Syndel Laboratories Ltd., of Vancouver, has researched and developed the simultaneous extraction of several fish pituitary hormones and has been collaborating with other laboratories, including the University of Hong Kong, in the assay of hormones, specifically prolactin.

There is a huge potential demand for the hormones, particularly in regions of the world where fish represents a staple diet, such as in Southeast Asia. The hormones are injected into the fish to induce spawning, with the long-term net effect of increasing the tonnes of fish available for consumption.

Already significant results have been achieved from the utilization of the hormone in spawning in Southeast Asia, with two species that had previously proven to be unresponsive having been spawned.

Syndel Laboratories is looking to follow up its work in Penang, Malaysia, in Singapore and, through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), to enter into a joint venture with an Indonesian company to breed and bring eggs through to the fry stage, then to be sold commercially.



A Timely Visit by Swine Experts

AN EIGHT-MAN TEAM of specialists in the technology of swine production in Canada is scheduled to visit ASEAN from February 21 to March 6. The mission, which has been planned to follow up a similar visit in 1979, will travel to Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand.

Among the members of the team will be representatives from industry and government, and academics. They will spend one day in each country viewing farms and a second day will be devoted to seminar presentations by both the Canadian team and local experts. Topics to be covered by the Canadians will

include record of performance programs, management, nutrition, genetics, and export capabilities.

Expertise of the type to be supplied by the Canadians is particularly timely for the Singapore swine industry, which this year is launching expansion projects involving an investment capital forecast at \$57.2 million. Among the projects are at least 12 new, large-scale, industrialized pig farms that will require breeding stocks as well as technology. The seminar in Singapore will be held at the Ponggol Pig Centre, a division of Singapore's Primary Production Department.

Canada and the Asia-Pacific Region

Second Pacific Rim Opportunities Conference Scheduled

ON FEBRUARY 22-24, the Canadian private sector, under the initiative of the Pacific Basin Economic Council (PBEC), will be holding the second Pacific Rim Opportunities Conference (PROC II) at the Harbour Castle Hotel in Toronto.

Over 250 participants took part in the first Pacific Rim Opportunities Conference which was held in Vancouver in November, 1980, under the sponsorship of the Canadian government.

Among the distinguished speakers who will take part in the PROC II program will be two Canadian Cabinet Ministers — Ed Lumley, Minister of State for Trade, and Mark MacGuigan, Secretary of State for External Affairs. Altogether, some 60 speakers and panelists will participate in the conference, including successful Canadian businessmen active in the Pacific area, academics, and various experts on the Pacific, well-known speakers from the region, and Canadian trade commissioners posted in the Pacific Rim countries.

PROC II will consist of a number of country workshops as well as thematic workshops on topics of general interest, such as overall economic and political conditions prevailing in the Pacific, international financing, joint ventures, and importing.

Participation in the conference is open to both exporters and importers. Embassies and high commissions of countries in the Pacific Rim are also being invited to send representatives as well as to set up information displays on their respective countries.

An Asia-Pacific Foundation for Canada?

CANADA'S Secretary of State for External Affairs Mark MacGuigan has announced that Mr. John Bruk, chairman of Cyprus Anvil Mining Corporation, Vancouver, has accepted his invitation to undertake a study of the feasibility of establishing a Canada Foundation for Asia and the Pacific.

The usefulness of establishing such a foundation has been under consideration for some time as a means of promoting Canadian interests in the Asia and Pacific region. The Pacific dimension of Canada's external personality has continued to develop in a very healthy way and Canada's relations with the region show growing promise and diversity, Mr MacGuigan said. But discussions with Canada's Asian friends as well as interpretation of Canadian attitudes and expectations indicate that the full potential of these relations has not been exploited.

It appeared, Dr. MacGuigan continued, that what is needed is a means by which all of these relationships — political, economic, cultural — can be fostered and supported and greater mutual awareness stimulated between Canadians and the peoples of Asia and the Pacific. A foundation for Asia and the Pacific, removed from government and serving as a clearing house for ideas and support for initiatives, might fill this need.

In examining the feasibility of this idea, Mr. Bruk has been asked to consult representatives of provincial governments, academic institutions, business, labour and others with an interest in Pacific relations during the course of his study.