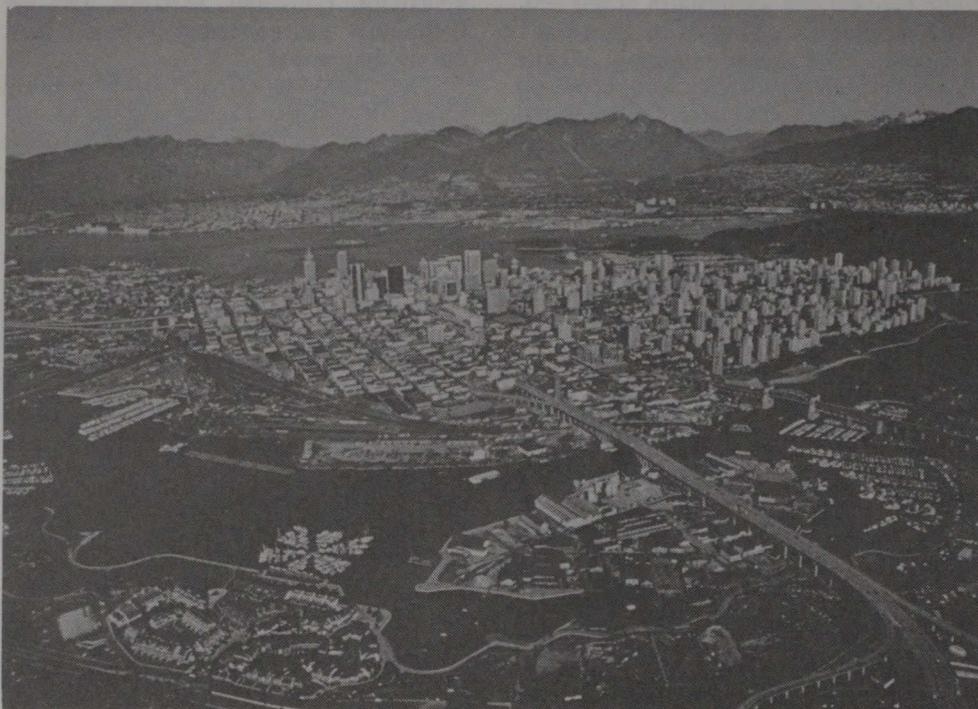


Canada-ASEAN Developments



Vancouver, B.C., is the starting point for the ASEAN journalists two week familiarization tour of Canada.

ASEAN JOURNALISTS EMBARK ON CROSS CANADA TOUR

Ten journalists from ASEAN undertook a two week familiarization tour of Canada in September, 1983 under the sponsorship of the Canadian Dept. of External Affairs. The participants nominated by their governments are as follows:

- Indonesia — Mr. Tribuana Said, Senior Editor, Topik;
Mr. Niko Supangat, Vice Chairman, Indon. Journalist Assoc. and Deputy General Manager of Angkatan Bersenjata.
- Malaysia — Miss Mohani bte Othman, Reporter, Kumpulan Akhbar Utusan Melayu;
Mr. Mohd Amin Muda, News Editor RTM (Radio Television Malaysia).
- Philippines — Mr. Rolando Fernandez, Philippines Daily Express; Senior Deskman and Education Director;
- Singapore — Mr. Sonny Yap, Features Editor, Singapore Straits Times;
Mr. Giam Meng Tuck, Writer and Assistant to Editor-in-Chief, Lian He Zao Bao (Chinese Language Daily).
- Thailand — Mr. Chamnong Koomalayaisai, Deputy Director-General, Public Relations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

From their arrival point in Vancouver on the Pacific Coast the group travelled over 5000 kilometers visiting various centres across the country and terminating in Montreal, Canada's second largest city and inland port on the St. Lawrence River.

The journalists followed a program of activities designed to acquaint them with Canada's resource-based industries, manufacturing capabilities and advanced communications technology. In addition, aspects of the program dealt with government operations and social programs as well as coinciding as closely as possible with the interests expressed by the individual journalists.

In recent years there have been both individual visits and one group visit to Canada by journalists from ASEAN countries. However, this particular familiarization tour arises from the commitment made by Canada and ASEAN to foster greater awareness of one another through exchanges in culture and information. In this context, discussions have already taken place concerning a reciprocal visit to the ASEAN area by a group of Canadian journalists. These kinds of exchanges, designed ultimately to reach the general populace, will broaden the base of mutual knowledge and enable the people of our countries to understand one another better, whether on official policy questions or in day-to-day business dealings.

Fourth Pacific Basin Nuclear Conference

The Fourth Pacific Basin Nuclear Conference was held in Vancouver, B.C., September 11-15. Hosted by the Canadian Nuclear Association, the conference was co-sponsored by the American Nuclear Society and participating Pacific Basin nuclear societies and forums.

The Pacific Basin region encompasses many of the fastest growing economies in the world and nuclear energy development is a key to the economic future for many of these countries, including those of ASEAN. The conference brought together experts in economic planning, nuclear science and engineering and energy development to discuss prospects and developments for this increasingly important area.

Among the participants from ASEAN were Dr. Mohammad Ridwan, Deputy Director General, Application and Scientific Services, BATAN; Dr. Iyos Rosadi Subki, Deputy Director General Exploration and Technology, BATAN; and Dr. Lolo Panggabean, Director for Energy Technology, Conversion and Conservation, Ministry of Research and Technology, all of Indonesia. From the Philippines came Ms. Irada Beltran, Philippines Atomic Energy Commission and Leopoldo Posadas Jr., Senior Vice President, MERALCO Industrial Engineering. Canada has concluded nuclear co-operation agreements with both Indonesia and the Philippines.

A wide-ranging programme examined the status, future plans and significance of nuclear developments for Pacific Basin countries. Sessions on economic and technical policy, seismicity, fuel sales, waste management and radio isotopes were conducted by invited international experts from a wide spectrum of nations bordering the Pacific.

The ASEAN delegates made a significant contribution to the success of the conference. Dr. Mohammad Ridwan chaired the seminar entitled "Issues Affecting Nuclear Goals", while Mr. M. Samsi of the Indonesian Embassy to Canada delivered a paper on "Economic and Energy Prospects for Indonesia" and Mr. Leopando of the Philippines read a paper entitled "Use of Radio Isotopes as Tracers in the Geo Thermo Wells".

The journalists' visit was one of several projects and areas of cooperation discussed during the first meeting of the Canada-ASEAN Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC) held in Ottawa, 26-27 April 1983.

All figures in this publication are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise specified.