

to establish offices in London, Tokyo, New York and Brunei. It is also represented in Malaysia, Hong Kong and Los Angeles.

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The **Food and Hotel Asia '82** trade exhibition held at Singapore's World Trade Centre in May attracted the largest number of Canadian participants ever to attend a trade show in Singapore.

Exhibitors from 22 countries plied their fare to trade customers in crowds of the size that signal a successful show, and the 22 Canadian companies were encouraged by the interest shown in their merchandise.

It is estimated that export enquiries were received for more than 80 per cent of the Canadian products featured, among them cereals, fruits and nuts, frozen foods, fish, dairy products, and confectionery. The principal interested parties came from Australia, Malaysia, New Guinea, New Zealand, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia and Taiwan.

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Canada's High Commissioner L. Michael Berry and his wife Linda will depart Singapore in August at the completion of a three-year assignment. The new High Commissioner, George W. Seymour, will arrive in late August. Mr. Seymour has previously served in Indochina, the Hague, Colombo, and Washington and was most recently Director of the Staff Relations and Compensation Division in Ottawa. He will be accompanied by his wife Marie-Claire Seymour.

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Canada will be participating at the **Singapore International Fair** to be held at the World Trade Centre October 18-24. Organised by the Singapore Manufacturers' Association, the fair attracts all major ASEAN entrepreneurs and manufacturers. Last year's show had an attendance of 60,000 people and included booths from 12 foreign trade missions. This will be the first time that Canada has participated in the fair and reflects a growing interest in expanding commercial relationships with Singapore and its ASEAN partners.

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The **Singapore Manufacturers' Association** will be conducting a trade mission to Canada in September. A total of 10 firms are expected to participate, including trading and manufacturing companies in clothing, textiles, electrical and electronics goods, jewellery, toys, food and building supplies. The participants will visit Vancouver, Edmonton, Toronto and Montreal to attend trade shows and hold discussions with Canadian businessmen and provincial trade officials.

The purpose of the mission is four fold: to introduce and sell Singapore products in the Canadian market; to purchase Canadian products and materials for production in Singapore; to establish agency relationships for the sale of Canadian products in Singapore and other ASEAN countries; and to examine the possibility of joint ventures between Canadian and Singapore companies.

THAILAND

Canada will initiate a \$250,000 scholarship program in honour of Thailand's Rattanakosin Bicentennial.

During the recent program review visit to Thailand by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the Royal Thai Government highlighted the need for enhanced professional training in key growth areas of the Thai economy. Accordingly, the Government of Canada has agreed to offer as many as eight post-graduate and post-doctoral level scholarships per year for Thai citizens to study at Canadian universities. To mark the occasion on which this program is beginning these scholarships will be called the **Rattanakosin-Canada Scholarships**.

The scholarships will be directed at providing training at post-graduate levels in those specialized fields of study which will provide the greatest benefit to Thailand's development strategy. A committee of leading Thai citizens representing government, business and academic circles will be formed to determine each year the priority areas of study.

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The **Canadian Studies Program** at Bangkok's Chulalongkorn University held its inaugural seminar in early June. Dr. H. Edward English, a professor of economics at Carleton University in Ottawa, gave a lecture on the North-South Dialogue and the Pacific Basin Community.

Dr. English said that in his view co-operation among countries around the Pacific Rim was already in better shape than in other regions of the world due to the converging of interest between the North and the South in developing trade and investment in ASEAN.

From the Canadian perspective, Dr. English felt that there was a shared concern between Canada and ASEAN with the liberalization of the market for raw materials as well processed goods from resource rich countries.

The Canadian Studies Program, under the direction of Dr. Wiwat Mungkandi, was established at Chulalongkorn earlier this year as Canada's contribution to expanding Thai-Canadian academic links



during the bicentennial year of the founding of Bangkok and the establishment of the Chakri Dynasty.

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Two leading Thai academics were among the several hundred delegates to attend the sixteenth annual conference of the **Law of the Sea Institute** held from June 21-24 at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

They were Dr. Phiphat Tangsubkul, Professor of Law at Ramkhamhaeng University and research associate at Chulalongkorn University, and Dr. Withaya Sucharithanarugse, an instructor in political science at Chulalongkorn University.

Financial assistance for their attendance at the conference, which was hosted by Dalhousie University's Ocean Studies Program, was provided by Canada's International Development Research Centre.

The Law of the Sea Institute, which is headquartered at the University of Hawaii, provides a neutral forum for the discussion of a wide range of issues pertaining to the uses of the sea and its resources. Its principal emphasis is on the International Law of the Sea as it may be expected to evolve in the future.

The theme of this year's conference, the first to be held in Canada, was "The Law of the Sea and Ocean Industry: New Opportunities and Restraints." In light of the importance that deep ocean mining assumed in the concluding session of the Law of the Sea III Convention, the discussions in Halifax were both lively and informative.

The attendance of the Thai academics served to further strengthen the relationship between Chulalongkorn and