

NEW CANADIAN CHANCERIES AND RESIDENCES ABROAD

HIGHLIGHTING ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

In the geographic region of Asia and the Pacific, nine projects are currently underway or have just been completed.

Our chanceries in **Manila** and **Melbourne** were relocated into newly leased premises in September and December 1984, respectively. The new Canadian complex in **Beijing, China** is progressing well and is scheduled for completion in 1988. In **Dhaka, Bangladesh**, our chancery is being renovated to add space for five new offices and in **Tokyo, Japan**, 17 firms have submitted proposals for the new Canadian Embassy complex and preliminary assessment indicates that eight of these merit further consideration before three or four of the best are selected (in early April) for final negotiations. It is interesting to note that five Canadian architectural firms have associated themselves with Japanese development companies and that four of them remain among the eight developers still in the running.

The four other projects are in the market survey stages. In **Hong Kong**, the chancery is overcrowded so we are looking for new property to lease — possibly three floors containing 40 000 square feet. This will probably be the largest proposed move for next year. In **Kuala Lumpur**, we are also looking for suitable premises — one floor of an office building with 11 000 square feet. In **Seoul, Korea**, initial negotiations are underway with the Korean government in order to find a suitable site for 10-15 residences and in **Jakarta, Indonesia**, we will either be renovating the existing official residence or selecting a site on which to build.

Beijing, China

In the first issue of *Liaison*, (April 1984), we published the architects' scale model of the proposed new complex. Since then the project has progressed significantly. In January 1985, the material and equipment contract was let to the Foundation Company of Canada (Toronto), then the Chinese Diplomatic Service Bureau entered into contract with the company to obtain the necessary Canadian materials.

The Bureau will now put the project out to tender so that a company can be selected and construction can begin by early 1986 for completion by 1988. The architectural firm of Dubois, Plumb and Associates (Toronto) and the Department will be overseeing the project.

The living quarters, as revealed by the architectural plans, are extremely appealing. Each of the ten townhouses has four levels, two balconies, two or three bathrooms and a private, enclosed back yard.

For the sports minded there is an outdoor swimming pool, a tennis court, a squash court and an exercise room. For relaxation, there is a games room, a lounge, two saunas, a greenhouse and a planting area and for the children there is a separate outdoor play area.

The chancery, with its enclosed atrium and surrounding patios, provides a pleasant work environment and the well designed residences and recreational facilities will no doubt contribute greatly to one's enjoyment of a posting to Beijing, China.



The Canadian Embassy in Melbourne. We occupy the 6th floor.

Melbourne, Australia

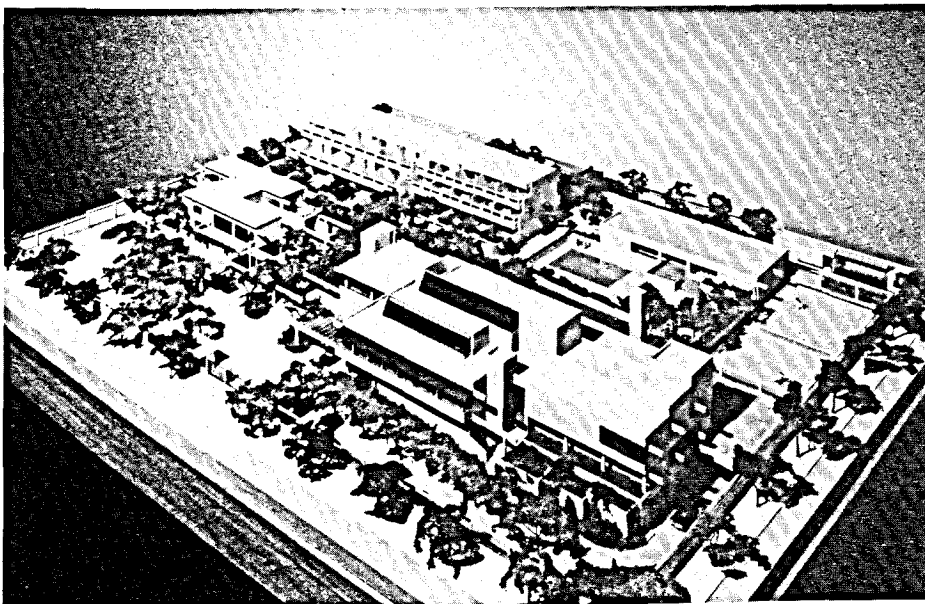
In December 1984, Consul General Wilfred Lavoie, three Canadians and 12 locally engaged staff moved into number 1 Collins Street, just across from the State Parliament Buildings in the central business district.

We were the first tenants in this brand-new building and chose the 6th floor in that the first five floors contain an enclosed atrium which, although attractive, takes up valuable space and thus couldn't provide the 8 000 square feet we required. The building itself is unusual in that it is designed around a heritage building which is located directly in front of it. Partitioning was required to break the area up into office space, a library, conference room and multipurpose room. All the furniture from the original chancery was moved into the new premises and now the chancery is functioning well.

Manila, The Philippines

As of September 1984, our chancery in Manila was relocated on the 9th floor of the Allied Bank Centre in Makati, the commercial district where most of our embassy staff are housed. Prior to this, we had leased one floor in an office building but when we were unable to lease a second floor we were forced to look elsewhere.

As this particular building has an uninterrupted power source from the generator in the bank on the main floor, it is considered to be one of the better leased properties. (We have signed a ten year lease with an option for five more years.) To make the 9th floor functional for our needs, an architect was hired to partition the 24 000 square feet into separate offices plus provide a recreational area, shower facilities and conference room. All new Canadian furniture was purchased and a Mitel phone system was installed. After six months of work and less than a half million dollars, we now have a functional, attractive new chancery in Manila where Ambassador Reginald Dorrett and 26 Canadians are now located.



The proposed Canadian complex in Beijing, China which is scheduled for completion by 1988.