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His Excellency Dr. Ali Sastroamidjojo presented today to His Excellency the Governor-General at Government House his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Indonesia to Canada.

The Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Brooke Claxton, was present. The Chief of Protocol, Mr. H.F. Feaver, presented the Ambassador to the Governor-General. Mr. J.F. Delaute, Secretary to the Governor-General (Administrative), was also present.

Dr. Sastroamidjojo, the first diplomatic Envoy of Indonesia to Canada, was born in 1903. He received the degree of Doctor of Law from the University of Leyden in 1927. On his return to Indonesia, he practised law privately, engaging at the same time in politics and journalism. Following the proclamation of Independence of the Republic of Indonesia in 1945, Dr. Sastroamidjojo served successively as Deputy Minister of Information, Secretary-General of the State Defence Council, and Minister of Education and Culture. He has represented his country at several international conferences. In 1949 he resigned his Cabinet post to attend the Round Table Conference at The Hague which resulted in the transfer of sovereignty from The Netherlands to Indonesia. He was appointed Ambassador to the United States of America in January 1950, a post which he is retaining concurrently with his new post in Canada.

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