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SPEAKER OF CANADIAN SENATE TOURS ASEAN

The Speaker of the Senate of Canada, the Honourable Guy Charbonneau, conducted a tour of ASEAN capitals in August and September. The theme of his tour, strengthening parliamentary relations, was the reflection of the strong desire on the part of Canadian parliamentarians to develop closer contact with their ASEAN counterparts.

In his visits, Senator Charbonneau called upon Mr Kharis Suhud, Speaker of the Parliament of Indonesia; Dr Yeoh Ghim Seng, Speaker of the Parliament of Singapore; Tan Sri Dato' Mohamed Zahir, President of the House of Representatives of Malaysia, and Datuk Abang Haji Ahmad Urai, President of the Senate of Malaysia; Mr Jovito Salong, President of the Senate of the Philippines; and Mr Ranja Kesornthong, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Thailand. Senator Charbonneau also paid courtesy calls on Mr Pong Sarasin, Acting Prime Minister of Thailand, and Mrs Corazon Aquino, President of the Philippines.

Earlier, Senator Charbonneau



had attended the ASEAN Inter-parliamentary Organization General Assembly Meeting in Kuala Lumpur in January 1988. He had been impressed then by the interest shown in developing closer ties with Canada.

In following up on his interest, Senator Charbonneau has issued an invitation on behalf of the

Senator Charbonneau and Mrs Yolande Charbonneau call on President Corazon Aquino during their three-day visit to the Philippines. Looking on is Ambassador Russell H. Davidson.

Canadian Parliament to all ASEAN countries to send representatives to Canada in March 1989 with a view to establishing a more normal dialogue relationship.

New High Commissioner to Malaysia

Garrett Lambert has taken up his appointment as the new Canadian High Commissioner to Malaysia. He replaces Manfred von Nostitz, who has become Ambassador to Pakistan. Mr Lambert presented his credentials to the Yang di Pertuan Agong of Malaysia on September 16, 1988.

A native of Toronto, Mr Lambert joined the Canadian foreign service in 1969, and has served in Teheran, Bonn and Warsaw. He was also High Commissioner to Nigeria between 1982 and 1985. From 1978 to 1982, he was Director General of the Industrial Cooperation program at the Canadian International Development Agency. Just prior to his appointment to Kuala Lumpur, he was Director General of the United States Trade Bureau of the Department of External Affairs in Ottawa.

Mr Lambert is accompanied by his wife, Helen, and their two sons, Jason, 13, and Alexander, 11.



High Commissioner Garrett Lambert presenting his credentials to His Majesty Sultan Iskandar, the Yang di Pertuan Agong of Malaysia.