

At the invitation of Their Excellencies The Governor General of Canada and Madame Léger, Their Excellencies the President of the Republic of Indonesia, General Soeharto and Madame Soeharto paid a state visit to Canada from July 2 to July 5, 1975, which included visits to Ottawa and Toronto. The President of the Republic of Indonesia was accompanied by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Adam Malik and Madame Malik, the Minister of State for the Economy, Finance and Industry, Professor Widjojo Nitisastro, the Minister/State Secretary, Mr. Sudharmono, and senior officials of the Indonesian Government.

The visit of the President of Indonesia and Madame Soeharto was a manifestation of the very close and friendly relations existing between the two countries and of the common will of the two peoples to expand and deepen their cooperation in all fields.

During the visit, President Soeharto held detailed discussions with the Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. Pierre Elliott Trudeau, in the course of which they exchanged views on international matters of mutual interest, as well as on matters of bilateral concern. They noted with satisfaction the common views and objectives their two countries share regarding many aspects of the current international situation.

The two Heads of Government, in their review of the international situation, were pleased to note the global trend towards détente and rapprochement, but regretted that there are still situations of conflict and tension in some areas of the world. They expressed the hope that the same process of détente would soon be extended to those areas also.

In reviewing developments in Southeast Asia, the two Heads of Government welcomed the cessation of hostilities in the countries of Indo-China, and expressed the hope that these countries would now be able to participate constructively in the affairs of the region. President Soeharto explained Indonesia's efforts, in cooperation with its neighbours, to promote regional cooperation and harmony through the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. Prime Minister Trudeau expressed Canada's support for the objectives of ASEAN, which he considered to be a major factor contributing to the stability, peace and development of the Southeast Asian region as a whole. They agreed that there is great potential for mutually beneficial cooperation between Canada and ASEAN in furthering the efforts of the members of ASEAN to develop their resilience, both individually and collectively.

Both Heads of Government expressed their conviction that their countries have a common interest in promoting cooperation in the Pacific area and noted with satisfaction the steadily widening possibilities towards that end. They agreed that their governments should consult frequently on the various problems affecting the Pacific region.

The two sides reaffirmed their adherence to the principles of the United Nations Charter. Prime Minister Trudeau expressed Canada's desire to see the United Nations as a centre for harmonizing the interests of nations without subverting the principles of its organization nor its capacity to facilitate change in the practices of international cooperation. President Soeharto expressed the hope that the United Nations would not