

countries and Malaysia in January, 1986. The Honourable Perin Beatty, Minister of National Revenue visited Thailand in July, 1985. These were reciprocated by many ministerial visits from the region. Of significance was the re-opening of the Burmese Embassy in Ottawa in November 1985, which should lead to a strengthening of bilateral relations with this important Southeast Asian state.

Association of Southeast Asian Nations

Canadian relations with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (or ASEAN, comprising Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand) continued to develop positively during 1985-86. Canada was represented at the

annual 1985 meeting of ASEAN and Western foreign ministers by the Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs. At the Kuala Lumpur meeting, Mr. Clark reaffirmed Canada's support for the ASEAN position on Cambodia, pledged humanitarian support for the non-Communist elements fighting the Vietnamese and announced Canadian support to assist the ASEAN countries in their fight against narcotics production and trafficking.

The third meeting of officials on the Joint Co-operation Committee established under the Canada-ASEAN Economic Co-operation Agreement took place in Ottawa on October 30 and 31, 1985.

CANADA-PACIFIC RIM TRADE

(in millions of Canadian dollars)

	1984			1985		
	Exports	Imports	Surplus (Deficit)	Exports	Imports	Surplus (Deficit)
Pacific Rim						
Australia	617.4	380.8	236.6	624.6	385.6	239.0
China	1 272.1	333.5	938.6	1 259.3	403.5	855.8
Fiji	2.4	5.7	(3.3)	2.2	6.6	(4.4)
Hong Kong	214.8	966.2	(751.4)	322.7	886.8	(564.1)
Indonesia	290.5	71.9	218.6	257.6	81.8	175.8
Japan	5 628.6	5 710.8	(82.2)	5 745.3	6 113.4	(368.1)
Korea	712.7	1 152.4	(439.7)	775.6	1 607.0	(831.4)
Malaysia	187.7	168.0	19.7	204.4	146.1	58.3
New Zealand	189.4	122.4	67.0	186.7	160.4	26.3
Papua-New Guinea	2.3	3.5	(1.2)	1.8	51.1	(49.3)
Philippines	56.8	117.3	(60.5)	45.8	109.1	(63.3)
Singapore	143.0	214.3	(71.3)	106.4	210.5	(104.1)
Taiwan	400.6	1 223.8	(823.2)	429.6	1 286.1	(856.5)
Thailand	116.8	103.4	13.4	127.0	108.7	18.3
Total	9 835.1	10 574.0	(738.9)	10 089.0	11 556.7	(1 467.7)
Other Asia						
Bangladesh	102.8	14.7	88.1	106.8	16.4	90.4
Burma	2.5	0.3	2.2	5.3	0.8	4.5
India	468.2	147.1	321.1	488.7	168.2	320.5
Pakistan	90.3	54.2	36.1	94.1	30.0	64.1
Sri Lanka	44.6	33.9	10.7	22.4	33.0	(10.6)
Other countries	14.7	18.6	(4.1)	8.7	16.4	(7.7)
Total	723.1	269.0	454.1	726.0	264.8	461.2
GRAND TOTAL	10 558.2	10 843.0	(284.8)	10 815.5	11 821.5	1 006.5

Africa and the Middle East

Francophone Africa

Canadian diplomatic activity in Africa has continued to focus on countering the effects of the devastating drought that struck the continent in 1983 and 1984. At various international forums, including the Commonwealth and Francophone Summits in October 1985 and February 1986, respectively. Canada continued to support the efforts of the United Nations Conference on Emergency Aid to Africa (established in March 1985). In addition, it continued to stress the impor-

tance of support for long-term development of the African continent by the international community. In this context Canada was pleased to receive Mr. Idi Oumarou, Secretary-General of the Organization for African Unity, in February 1986 for the Africa Forum organized in Ottawa by the Honourable David MacDonald, Emergency Relief Co-ordinator for African Famine. The visit played an important part in raising Canadian public awareness of the need to deal not only with the emergency situation in Africa, but with the problems threatening the continent's long-term development.