

CANADA-ASEAN
BILATERAL RELATIONS FACT SHEET

1. GENERAL RELATIONS

Establishment of Dialogue: 1976
Dialogue Meetings: Manila, February 1977
Ottawa, October 1977
Manila, May 1982

Prime Ministerial Visits: Louis St. Laurent: Indonesia, the Philippines - March, 1954
John Diefenbaker: Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia - November - December 1958
Pierre E. Trudeau: Malaysia, Singapore - May 1970; Singapore, Indonesia - January 1971

Treaties in Force: Canada-ASEAN Economic Cooperation
- Canada-ASEAN Economic Cooperation Agreement (signed September 25, 1981; effective June 1, 1982)

Other: ASEAN-Ottawa Committee, established by ASEAN missions in Ottawa in 1978

Canada-ASEAN regional quarterly publication produced by Canadian High Commission, Singapore since 1980

2. ECONOMIC RELATIONS

Trade - generally conducted bilaterally and under the GATT (US\$ millions)

	Canadian Exports	Canadian Imports	Trade Balance	Philippines as % of Canada's two-way trade with ASEAN
1980	610	314	296	.7%
1981	458	367	91	

Growth since 1975: \$350 million to \$1 billion

Financing - largely through activities of Canada's Chartered Banks and the Export Development Corporation (EDC)

Total Investment in ASEAN: 1,730 (US\$ millions)
ASEAN as % of total Canadian Foreign Investment: 2.5%

Major Investment Projects include: INCO (Indonesia); Marcopper (Philippines); Alcan (Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia); Bata (Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand)

Current CIDA Industrial Cooperation Activities include:
TECHNONET Asia, Investment Guides, The Foundation for International Training, CANEX '82.