



Greeting the arrival of the bulls. From left: Director General of Livestock Services, and Miss Valerie Cron of Shore Acres Farm and Mr Douglas Campbell, of the Canadian Embassy.

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■ Institutional strengthening of the key government agencies involved in regional development planning is the purpose of the Sulawesi Regional Development Project. With strengthened planning capabilities and improved decentralized, bottom-up planning systems, development projects delivered to rural areas should improve the welfare and quality of life of the rural population.

Indonesia's program of rural development is supported by CIDA via technical assistance provided through the University of Guelph, and small project funds to reimburse the Government of Indonesia's small project expenditures. The first phase of this project assisted South and South-East Sulawesi. A recently approved second phase will expand assistance to the north and central provinces of the Island of Sulawesi.

The management of CIDA's bilateral program with Indonesia is being decentralized to Jakarta. In October, the newly decentralized team for the management of the Sulawesi Regional Development Project made its first visit to Sulawesi. The team – comprising the

CANADIAN CONTRIBUTION TO INDONESIAN DAIRY INDUSTRY

■ On October 24, 1989, Shoremar Astro Platinum and Shoremar A.J. Tomboy arrived at Jakarta's Soekarno-Hatta Airport. These two Holstein Bulls were a gift from the Government of Canada and Shore Acres Farms in Canada to the Directorate-General of Livestock Services of the Government of Indonesia.

The bulls were received at the airport by officials of the Directorate-General of Livestock Services as well as from the Canadian embassy.

Both Platinum and Tomboy were reproduced by embryo transplant. They represent the finest in genetic matching from Canada. All members of their families, on mother's and father's sides, have been progeny tested according to the detailed and well-regarded Canadian system.

Born in May 1989, the two bulls were six months old and weighed approximately 12kg each when they arrived. At maturity they should each reach a weight of 900 to 1,000kg.

Platinum and Tomboy's final destination was Indonesia's artificial insemination centres where they will serve as breeding stock to help increase milk output from Indonesia's developing dairy industry.

newly arrived CIDA Project Team Leader, Caroline McRae, First Secretary to the Canadian Embassy, and the Principal Resource Officer for the project, Phil Paradine, as well as the project monitor and the CIDA project assistant – spent 10 days meeting with officials and visiting project sites.

Overall, it was a thorough introduction to the South-East Province and the project. The team returned to Ja-

karta with a clearer appreciation of the issues and difficulties in achieving institutional strengthening and of the milieu in which the project is operating.

With CIDA project management based in Jakarta, site visits will be more frequent and decisions will be made with a deeper understanding of the Sulawesi realities thereby fulfilling one of the fundamental purposes of CIDA's recent decentralization.