

for the first time, Dr. Mark MacGuigan attended the meeting in Kuala Lumpur at which time events in Indochina, especially the Vietnamese invasion of Thailand, dominated both the headlines and the private discussions.

At the meeting in Manila this year, Indochina will again be a topic of considerable discussion, although at the private meeting between the ASEAN Foreign Ministers and the SSEA, bilateral matters will also be discussed.

An additional element in the Canada/ASEAN relationship is the proposal for the Industrial, Technical and Commercial Co-operation Agreement. Negotiations on the Agreement will be held in the near future. The Co-operation Agreement will focus Canadian and ASEAN attention and efforts on specific areas of co-operation. It will also offer an avenue for periodic discussions between Canada and the Association.

In recognition of ASEAN's growing political cohesion and importance in regional terms, Canada consults with increasing frequency and regularity with ASEAN in a variety of fora and on a broad spectrum of topics. Most significantly, we have supported the ASEAN efforts within the United Nations to achieve a political settlement of the Kampuchean problem. Canada also consults, to varying degrees, on such subjects as Law of the Sea, North-South and commodity issues.