

Jazz Band Performs in Kuala Lumpur



Picture shows (l. to r.) Jim Pinchin, saxophone; Tommy Banks, keyboard; Tom Foster, drums; Bob Miller, bass and Gary Cuthman, trumpet.

Malaysian music enthusiasts had their first exposure to Canadian jazz when a band from Edmonton, Alberta, The Tommy Banks Quintet, played in Kuala Lumpur from September 14-19. The band's leader, Tommy Banks, has been a professional musician for twenty-five years and is one of the best known jazz artists in Western Canada. He has played with a wide range of celebrities, including Sergio Mendes, Aretha Franklin and Cleo Laine and his television specials have been screened across North America.

The Tommy Banks Quintet play mainstream jazz of the 50's and early 60's and their repertoire is based on the classic compositions of Duke Ellington and Charlie Parker.

The Tommy Banks Quintet began their Asian tour in August as part of a cultural exchange between the Canadian province of Alberta and the provinces of Hokkaido in Japan and Heilungjiang (Manchuria) in China.

Then for a change of pace they came to Kuala Lumpur where they appeared

for five nights at the Country Inn & Jazz Club. As Tommy Banks explained, "Though we enjoy giving large concerts we are always keen to return to play in small clubs since that's where jazz began".

The high point of their stay in Malaysia was a five-hour jam session on a Sunday afternoon with local jazz artists. The Quintet found a small but highly appreciative audience in Kuala Lumpur and hope to return in 1984 for the Second Malaysian Jazz Festival.

PHILIPPINES

Focus on Development Assistance in the Philippines

The present Canadian bilateral aid program in the Philippines is mainly centered on two major on-going projects: the Cagayan Valley Development Project and the Philippines Fisheries Development Project. The Cagayan Valley Cooperative Development Project is basically an agricultural project with three basic objectives: a) to induce crop diversification; b) to encourage livestock production; and c) to develop a co-operative institutional set-up to implement the program. The basic objective of the fisheries project is to provide the infrastructure and training for small scale fishermen in villages around Bayawan, Negros Oriental. Both these projects in the Philippines aim at improving the quality of life of poorer segments of the population.

In addition to the aforementioned direct bilateral projects, the Philippines also benefits from projects undertaken in the ASEAN region. Projects in this group include assistance to the Asian Institute of Technology for their human settle-

ments program which involves scholarships for students in Asian countries to undertake post-graduate studies in human settlements, assistance for a post-harvest grain project and two ASEAN projects, namely, the Post-Harvest Fisheries Technology Project and the Forest Tree Seed Centre Project.

The Philippines likewise benefits from the CIDA programs in support of industrial co-operation and activities of non-governmental organizations (NGO). In fact, the Philippines has been one of the primary beneficiaries of the CIDA Industrial Cooperation program. Within the last two years, a total of 18 industrial cooperation projects involving joint ventures between Canadian and Philippine business organizations have been approved. Canadian NGO's such as CESO (Canadian Executive Service Overseas) and Emmanuel Relief and Rehabilitation, are fairly active in the Philippines. Canada is also a sizeable donor to the International Rice Research Institute in Los Banos and its various

programs.

On the institutional cooperation side, support is being provided to the Co-operative Development Foundation for three projects which are being undertaken in partnership with the Filipino community development organization known as PUNLA Foundation, Inc.

Other organizations doing development work in the Philippines include the Canadian Comprehensive Auditing Foundation and the Canadian Labour Congress; in addition, Canada World Youth has conducted an exchange program involving 28 Canadian and 28 Filipino youth during the current year. This program has been ongoing for nine years.

Many Filipinos have participated in management training seminars through such CIDA programs as "Management for Change", including courses held by the Banff School of Advanced Management, (BSAM) and the Manitoba Institute of Management (MIM).