

CANADA-THAILAND
BILATERAL RELATIONS FACT SHEET

1. GENERAL RELATIONS

Establishment of Diplomatic Relations: 1962
Canadian Embassy opened: 1967
Royal Thai Embassy opened: 1963
Prime Ministerial Visits: None

Canadian Ambassador (since 1979): Fred Bild, 47. B.A., Sir George Williams University, 1957; Graduate Studies, University College, London, 1958-60. Joined External Affairs 1961. Posting: Tokyo, Vientiane, Paris, Ambassador to Vietnam and Laos since 1979.

Embassy Operations: Canada based staff: 24
locally-engaged staff: 36

Thai Ambassador to Canada: Vitthya Vejjajiva (1982)

Treaties and Agreements in Force:

- Treaty on Cooperation in the Execution of Penal Sentences, initialled August 1982
- Canada/Thai Commercial Modus Vivendi 1969 (reciprocal MFN status)
- Bilateral agreements covering double taxation and foreign investment are close to completion
- Accession to GATT November, 1982

Canadian Visits:

October 1980 - International Trade Minister Lumley
December 1980 - Alberta International Trade Minister Schmidt
February 1981 - B.C. Premier Bennett
October 1981 - Minister of State for Mines Erola
- Minister for Supply and Services Blais
June 1982 - Secretary of State for External Affairs MacGuigan

2. ECONOMIC RELATIONS

Trade (US\$ millions)

	Canadian Exports	Canadian Imports	Trade Balance	Philippines as % of Canada's two-way trade with ASEAN
1980	141.6	24.6	117.0	15%
1981	116.0	33.1	82.9	15%
1982 (6 months)	62.9	17.8	45.1	15%

Major Canadian Exports (1982):

Power boilers; polyethylene resins; commercial telecommunications equipment; asbestos

Major Canadian Imports (1982):

Clothing; fish products; canned pineapple; textile fabrics

Canadian Investment: CDN\$18.9 million

Thailand as % of Canadian Investment in ASEAN: 1%

Major Canadian Business Ventures:

Bata, Alcan, MacDonald Dettwiler, Combustion Engineering, Lavalin