

Academic and Cultural Relations

- Indonesians who have studied in Canada have formed several alumni groups in Indonesia. The most active is the Maple Leaf Club in Surabaya.
- There are nearly 1,000 Indonesian students at Canadian educational institutions, mostly at the university level.
- Canadian cultural events in Indonesia this year included Les Ballets Jazz de Montréal, which had three sold-out performances in Jakarta; and Peter Chen, a Canadian dancer studying in Indonesia, who represented Canada in JAKFEST, the International Cultural Festival in May 1995. In Canada, a highly regarded gamelan orchestra, Evergreen, has introduced this traditional Indonesian music to Toronto audiences.
- Canadian visual artists working in Indonesia include Ken Pattern, Marsha Stonehouse and Penny Burton.

Development Co-operation

- Development co-operation has been an important part of Canada-Indonesia relations since 1954.
- Canadian International Development Agency programs currently focus on the environment; human resources development, with special attention to women's participation in development; and private sector development. Programs involve a wide range of Canadian non-governmental organizations, private firms and universities.
- During his visit in November 1994, Prime Minister Chrétien announced Canadian support for three new development co-operation projects, expanding development co-operation in the areas of women in development and gender equity; education and research; and community development and health in East Timor through CARE Canada.
- The \$1 million Canada Fund program administered by the Canadian Embassy supports a range of development initiatives. Of this funding, \$500,000 is specifically directed to East Timor, where the program has supported over 90 projects. The Canadian government also funds the work of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Indonesia.
- Canada has 33 active bilateral projects in Indonesia. For example, the Women's Support Project helps integrate women into all aspects of Indonesia's economic and social development. The Environmental Management Development Project focuses on environmental policy formulation and implementation, education and training. The Eastern