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Canadian companies are benefiting from numerous new services designed to increase productivity or enhance the work environment that are being introduced and developed across the country. A few recent and innovative business boosters are described in articles on pages 4 and 5 of this issue.

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Minister's tour strengthens Asian relations

Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark made official visits in December to India and Pakistan, where he met with leaders to discuss a full range of multilateral and bilateral issues. He was accompanied by five members of parliament and 20 Canadian businessmen with current and prospective interests in the two Asian countries.

Mr. Clark began his Indian trip in Jaipur, Rajasthan, where he visited the Bhagwan Makaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti society's rehabilitation centre, the country's largest limb replacement centre. Presenting a cheque for \$23 000, Mr. Clark lauded the society not only for providing replacement limbs but also for the social and occupational rehabilitation it provides.

Co-operative plant

In Jagudan, in the state of Gujarat, India, Mr. Clark commissioned a \$10-million cooperative oilseed processing plant built with funds provided by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) from the sale of Canadian canola oil in India. Canada is pro-

viding \$75-million worth of canola oil over five years to the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) of India to support the creation of co-operatives of Indian farmers in Orissa, Maharashtra and Gujarat and to encourage them to produce more oilseed crops.

The oilseed plant in Jagudan, which has a capacity to process 200 tonnes of mustard or rapeseed oil in a day, was built by the NDDB for the Gujarat Co-operative Oilseed Growers Federation which will continue to receive Canadian-funded technical assistance and operational support. Included in the operation are a crushing mill, a solvent-extraction facility and an oil refinery.

At the commissioning ceremony for the plant Mr. Clark said he was pleased to see first hand an example of the success of the project. "The oilseeds project addresses one of India's major concerns in the agricultural sector," said Mr. Clark. "It provides a window onto Canada's considerable experience in co-operative development."

During his visit to India's state of Gujarat, the Canadian delegation also visited a farm-



External Affairs Minister Joe Clark inspects an artificial limb during a tour of India's largest limb replacement centre in Jaipur at the outset of his visit in the country.

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