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SECRETARY OF STATE CHAN TO VISIT INDONESIA

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet today announced that Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific) Raymond Chan will visit Indonesia from July 24 to 29, 1995.

"As our most important export market in Southeast Asia and a co-member of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation forum, Indonesia is an increasingly important partner for Canada," said Mr. Ouellet.

"This visit will help strengthen our bilateral relationship and raise the profile of Canadian expertise in key sectors such as transportation, power, mining, oil and gas, telecommunications and the environment," said Mr. Chan.

While in Jakarta on July 25 and 26, Mr. Chan will meet with Minister of Foreign Affairs Ali Alatas, as well as Indonesian ministers responsible for finance, the environment, mines and energy, tourism and telecommunications.

He will meet representatives of Indonesia's National Human Rights Commission. He will also convene a round table with Canadian agencies delivering Canada's development co-operation program in Indonesia.

Mr. Chan will spend July 27 in Surabaya, the second-largest city in Indonesia, where Canada has recently appointed an Honorary Consul. During his stay, he will visit the PT Bogasari Flour Mill, Indonesia's largest importer of Canadian wheat.

Mr. Chan will also deliver a speech to a luncheon organized by the Maple Leaf Club, an organization of more than 70 Indonesian alumni of Canadian educational institutions who are active in business and government.

On July 28 in Serpong (near Jakarta), Mr. Chan will meet the director general of Indonesia's nuclear agency, BATAN, and tour its research facilities.

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