



Ambassador Ingrid Hall greets Dr Sukadji Ranuwihardjo before the signing ceremony

Canada Continues to Support Indonesia's Open University

■ The Open Learning Agency of British Columbia is cooperating with the Universitas Terbuka (Open University) of Indonesia on a five-year project, which is receiving \$4.8 million from the Canadian International Development Agency. The Government of Indonesia, through the Department of Higher Education and Universitas Terbuka, is providing support valued at \$5.5 million.

On June 8, 1990, Canadian Ambassador Ingrid Hall and Indonesia's Director General of Higher Education, Dr Sukadji Ranuwihardjo, signed a Memorandum of Understanding for a third phase of development cooperation for this initiative.

Under the new phase, 34 Universitas Terbuka

staff members will undertake post-graduate training in Canada. Activities of the Canadian educators will include working with their Universitas Terbuka counterparts in producing and distributing course materials, enhancing systems of registration and examination, planning practical studies programs, and conducting research.

Cooperation between the Universitas Terbuka and the Open Learning Agency began in 1985, during the first year of the university's existence. Since then, 27 Universitas Terbuka staff members have earned masters degrees in Canada, and the university's management and operational systems have been substantially improved.

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA PICKS THAILAND

■ "No other law school in North America deals as extensively as we do with Thai law." So says Ted McDorman, Assistant Professor at the University of Victoria Faculty of Law, in describing a course entitled "Asia-Pacific Comparative Law", which takes Thailand as one of two countries of examination.

That is just one of the Thai-related activities of the University of Victoria, located in British Columbia's capital city, Victoria, on Vancouver Island. Another is the placing of Canadian law students in Bangkok law firms during their summer break — a practice that has been in place for four years now.

The principal activity, however, is the student exchange with Chulalongkorn

University in Bangkok which permits an exchange of up to four students between these two universities for a period of three to four months. The program, now in its second year, is largely self-financed, with the Canadian students receiving a small bursary from a University of Victoria donor and Alcan Siam Co. Ltd contributing to the costs of the Thai students.

According to Darcy Wray, one of the first Canadian law students to participate, "the exchange was about more than just credits towards graduation. This program provided us with an opportunity to receive an 'environmental education', an education that incorporated diplomacy, insight, culture and, most importantly, people."