

First Philippines-Canada Dialogue Judged Highly Successful



Acting Foreign Minister Pacifico A. Castro welcomes Canadian delegation. Seated from the left are Asst. Minister Jose L. Villa; Earl Drake, Asst. Deputy Minister; A.G. Vincent, Acting Director General; and Samuel T. Ramel, Executive Director.

Senior Canadian and Philippine Foreign Affairs officials met in Manila on May 3, 1985, for consultations on a variety of bilateral and international issues. The Canadian delegation, led by Mr. Earl Drake, Assistant Deputy Minister, Asia and Pacific Branch, Department of External Affairs, included Mr. A. G. Vincent, Acting Director General, and Mr. G. Morrison, of the South and Southeast Asia Bureau, as well as Ambassador Reg Dorrett and other members of the Canadian Embassy in Manila. The Philippine delegation was led by Acting Minister Pacifico A. Castro and included Assistant Ministers Honorio Cagampan (Office of American Affairs), Josue L. Villa (Office of Pacific and Asian Affairs), Rosalinda V. Tirona (United Nations and International Organizations), as well as Counsellor Samuel T. Ramel, Executive Director, Office of ASEAN Affairs, and other MFA officials.

The senior officials reviewed political/economic developments in their respective countries including human rights issues and had a fruitful exchange on Philippine-Canada relations, notably with respect to trade and investment in the context of Canada-ASEAN cooperation. Finally, various multilateral issues including Cambodia and other United Nations concerns were discussed.

The consultations, which serve to enhance personal and professional relations between foreign ministries, were the third in a series in the ASEAN region.

Canadian Tableau Exhibits In Two Cities

The Canadian Embassy recently presented *Canadian Tableau*, an interesting photographic exhibit of Canada's people and landscapes, in two of the Philippines' major cities — Cebu and Manila.

The colourful collection of 51 photographs was exhibited first in Cebu, the leading city centre in the country's Visayan region from May 31 — June 9 1985. In cooperation with the Ramon Aboitiz Foundation, the embassy hung the exhibit at Casa Gorordo, a restored turn-of-the-century house which showcases Philippine lifestyle during the era.

Canadian Ambassador and Mrs. Reg Dorrett led Cebu's officialdom and leading citizens during the opening ceremonies. Guests of honour were Cebu Governor and Mrs. Eduardo Gullas and Cebu City Mayor and Mrs. Ronald Duterte.

The photographic exhibition was not the first Canadian activity in Cebu this year. A trade seminar for local entrepreneurs interested in conducting business with Canada had been earlier initiated by the embassy in cooperation with the Cebu Jaycees.

The Manila tour of the exhibit was scheduled from June 20 — July 15 1985 at the Metropolitan Museum of Manila. Mr. Jaime Zobel, president of Ayala Corporation and a well-known and talented photographer, was the guest of honour. He joined Ambassador and Mrs.

Reg Dorrett and Mrs. Tessie Luz, wife of Museum Director Arturo Luz, in formally opening the exhibit to the public.

Canadian Tableau is on the last stop of a tour which earlier brought it to a number of ASEAN centres including Bangkok and Jakarta.



Canadian Tableau is officially opened by Mrs. Tessie Luz, wife of Metropolitan Museum Director Arturo Luz.