

MALAYSIA

New High Commissioner takes up post in Kuala Lumpur



Canadian High Commissioner to Kuala Lumpur, Mr. John Small.

Canada's new High Commissioner to Malaysia, Mr. Charles John Small, presented his credentials on September 21 at Istana Negara. At the audience with The Yang di-Pertuan Agong and Raja Permaisuri Agong he was accompanied by his wife Jean. Mr. Small is also accredited to Brunei.

Mr. Small has extensive experience in Asia. Born in 1919 in Chengtu, China, he speaks Mandarin. Mr. Small's academic background is a unique combination of agriculture (B.Sc. University of Guelph) and political science and economics (B.A. University of Toronto). He began his overseas career in 1949 as an agricultural trade commissioner in The Netherlands, with concurrent responsibility for Belgium, Denmark and Luxembourg. Subsequent postings took him to Hong Kong, Karachi and the OECD in Paris as Canada's Permanent Representative. From 1969 to 1972 Mr. Small served as Canadian Ambassador to Pakistan and Afghanistan. Subsequently he was posted to Beijing from 1972 to 1976 as Canada's second Ambassador to the People's Republic of China, with concurrent accreditation to Vietnam from 1975 to 1976.

Immediately prior to his arrival in Malaysia he served a five year tour of duty in London as Deputy Secretary-General (Economic) of the Commonwealth Secretariat. Mr. Small brings to this post the benefits of his extensive knowledge of international organizations and Asian affairs gained through thirty-four years experience in the Canadian Foreign Service and another four years of Naval service in World War II.

Oil and Gas Joint Ventures

The Canadian Oilfield Manufacturers Association (COMA) held a two-day seminar at the Equatorial Hotel in Kuala Lumpur on September 13-14, 1983. Their objective was to present an overview of the capability of COMA's 120 members and stimulate joint venture agreements with Malaysian companies.

COMA representatives Mr. Peter Stephenson and Mr. John Belgrave also visited Singapore and Jakarta during their three-week ASEAN programme. This is the second phase of COMA's approach to the ASEAN, the first introductory visit having been made by Mr. Stephenson in November 1982. COMA member companies plan to follow up with seminar visits to ASEAN early in 1984 to finalize joint venture agreements.

Malaysian Entrepreneurs Depart for Training in Canada

In August, 55 Malaysians left for a three-month course in entrepreneurial development in Toronto and Montreal. Their program is sponsored by the Bumiputra Development Unit of the Prime Minister's Department.

Three Canadian firms, Hickling-ARA and CANEDCOM of Toronto and Cegir of Montreal, won the largest portion of a pilot project to send small businessmen for practical management training abroad. The Malaysian Government's plan ultimately calls for sending some 9,000 Malaysian entrepreneurs for training to develop business skills to support aims of the New Economic Policy which has been in place since 1970.

Malaysian University Honours Canadian Professor



Dr. D. G. Howell (centre) is joined for a commemorative photograph in front of the Universiti Pertanian Malaysia by Professor A. Latiff Ibrahim, Deputy Dean (left) and Professor Syed Jalaludin S. Salim, Dean (right).

In the years since its foundation in 1973, Malaysia's Agricultural University (Universiti Pertanian Malaysia) has enjoyed a close working relationship with Canada's best known agricultural faculty at the University of Guelph in Ontario. Many of the university's Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science members have received their training at Guelph and there has been a steady exchange of students, researchers and academics between the two universities.

On August 12, 1983 Universiti Pertanian Malaysia held a special ceremony to commemorate the assistance it has received from one Canadian, Professor Dennis G. Howell, former Dean of the Veterinary Science Faculty, University of Guelph and the man who has been in charge of Guelph's overseas programs for the past decade. Professor Howell has taught Malaysian students

in Guelph, lectured at the Universiti Pertanian Malaysia and most importantly, directed the various aid programs which Guelph has implemented for the Universiti Pertanian Malaysia under the auspices of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

In recognition of Professor Howell's role in building up the university's Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science Faculty, a new gold medal has been struck bearing his name which will be awarded annually to the student receiving the highest standing in the Special Comprehensive Examination in veterinary medicine.

On behalf of the Universiti Pertanian Malaysia, Professor Howell was able to present the first gold medal to this year's highest standing student in the Special Comprehensive Examination, Mr. Chiew Siang Thai, at the University's convocation ceremony in August 1983.