

users of the system for equipment.

On the Asian front, Kawchak said that Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia will be the first countries to introduce the new telephone systems. "These countries have already, or are in the process of making firm commitments on which route to take in introducing cellular technology," he said.

The company has already licensed Hyundai Electronics Industries of Korea to manufacture and distribute the telephones in that country, and are looking for similar arrangements with other manufacturers in the region.

Novatel is one of several companies competing to sell cellular communications technology and equipment in the region with its major rivals being Motorola Inc of the United States, NEC Corporation and Oki Electric Industry Company of Japan, and L.M. Ericsson of Sweden. ■

## COMPANIES

# Mass Transit Experts Set up Shop in Hong Kong

**M**etro Canada International Limited (MCIL), the Far East sales and marketing subsidiary of Ontario's Urban Transportation Development Corporation

(UTDC) has recently opened an office in Hong Kong and focus its efforts from the centre of its market place.

MCIL's general manager, Paul Ruefli, who will be based in Hong Kong at Suite 1301, Tower I, Admiralty Centre, predicts growing Canadian involvement in vital Far Eastern infrastructure development through MCIL and UTDC's participation in transit projects.

Present growth forecasts for populations and cities in Hong Kong and throughout the region predict increasing needs for modern inter and intra city mass transit systems.

Recent Hong Kong interest in developing the Tuen Mun Yuen Long light rail transit system underscores these predictions.

The corporation started in the early 1970s when it became readily apparent that the methods for moving people into and around major cities were outdated. Roads and expressways were becoming too congested. Private and commercial traffic was subject to costly delays on major traffic arteries.

The Ontario government responded in 1972 with a new urban transportation policy, and in typical pioneering spirit launched the Urban Transportation Development Corporation the following year as the catalyst to develop and implement innovative and economic forms of public transport.

UTDC grew out of a need. It has thrived through its achievements.

### Advanced Systems

The corporation designs, develops, manufactures and operates the most advanced mass transit systems available today. As a result of its steadfast insistence on research and development carried out by the most knowledgeable transit people in the world, UTDC has grown and diversified into the marketing and delivery of its systems and expertise both domestically and internationally.

With its manufacturing capability for light and heavy rail, as well as for advanced light rapid transit, supported by a comprehensive testing program at the corporate

proving grounds, UTDC products are market ready for revenue service by the time they are delivered.

The product line is extensive, including the turnkey supply of advanced light rapid transit systems with the flexibility to meet a variety of needs and the adaptability to operate in any location.

In Vancouver, UTDC is installing a fully automatic, 22 km system that will provide the backbone of the B.C. Transit system.

In Detroit, Michigan, it is contracted to build and operate a fully automatic, elevated peoplemover that will circulate in the downtown core.

In Scarborough, it is supplying a modified ALRT vehicle for a 7 km rapid transit link between the commercial heart of the city of Scarborough and the city of Toronto.

Rolling stock lineup also includes the Canadian Light Rail Vehicle with more than ten million miles of proven revenue service, its derivative the Articulated Light Rail Vehicle and steerable axle trucks.

The recent acquisition of the Canadian Car Division of Hawker-Siddeley Canada Inc. has provided manufacturing capabilities for single and bi-level commuter and inter city rail cars, subway cars and light rail vehicles as well.

In addition to hardware UTDC offers the entire gamut of system support such as management, operations, maintenance and financial services. ■

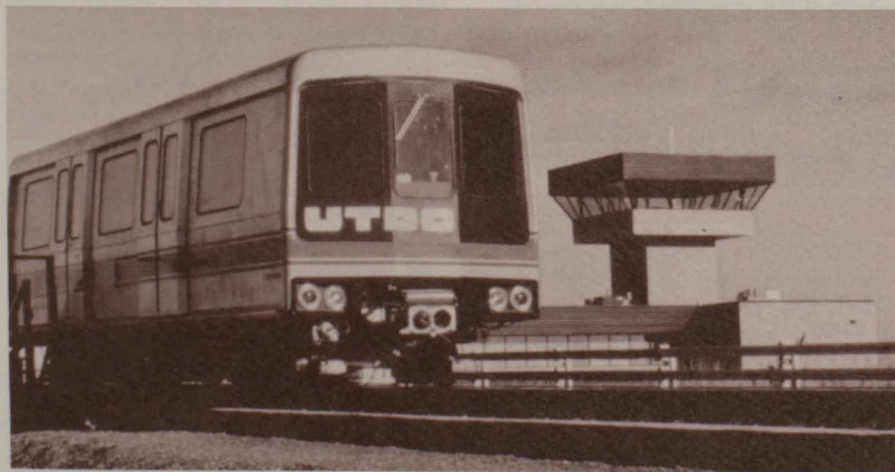
## REGION

# Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada Established

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Canada is moving to strengthen its position as a Pacific nation. In addition to the many Pacific oriented programs that are now being undertaken, the Government of Canada has announced that it will facilitate the establishment of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada.

The objectives of the new Foundation will be to advance knowledge and understanding and to promote respect and trust amongst the peoples and



One of the modern trains manufactured by UTDC.