



Canada Funds Asean Health Education Project

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) recently announced that Canada will provide approximately six million dollars over the next five years in support of an educational project developed by the ASEAN Institute for Health Development, Mahidol University, Bangkok; the Institute of Primary Health Care, University of the Philippines, Davao; and the University of Calgary, Canada. This funding is made under the Centres of Excellence Program.

Participating institutions will collaborate in the planning and delivery of an integrated series of educational programs in support of rural community-based development. Programs will be offered in Bangkok, Davao and Calgary.

Picture shows Canadian Ambassador to Thailand, L.A.H. Smith, congratulating Dr Orapin Singhadej of the AIHD. Looking on, from left, are Dr Pantyp Ramasootr, Mr George Attig, Dr and Mrs Malcolm Kerr, project proponents, and Jeannette Adair, Canada ASEAN monitor.

Canada Shares Telecoms Expertise With Philippines

A Canadian telecoms mission, headed by Colin Billowes, a telecommunications expert with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), visited Manila in February for discussions with government and private communications agencies. The topic: expediting Canadian support for the development of telecommunications in the Philippines.

Mr Billowes' visit followed the signature of a \$42 million telecommunications line of credit from CIDA and the Export Development Corporation during President Corazon Aquino's November 1989 visit to Canada.

He also finalized the contract with Teleconsult Ltd of Vancouver, British Columbia, the Canadian executing agency for the \$5 million component being extended to the Department of Transportation and Communications. During his stay, he found time as well to inspect the existing telecommunications sites in Manila, Cebu and Capiz, and exchanged views with Filipino counterparts as well as with local government officials.

CIDA's Colin Billowes and Elizabeth Aguilar, Commercial Officer of the Canadian Embassy, are briefed by Capiz Provincial Governor Jose Borda on the planned telephone projects for his province

