

Around the Region

Canadian Connections with ASEAN Countries

INDONESIA

Representatives of six Canadian companies, the federal government and the governments of Ontario and Alberta participated in the **International Training, Teaching, Education Materials and Sports Equipment Exhibition** held at the Hall of Nations in Jakarta's fair grounds from September 21-25.

The exhibition's objective was to provide a meeting place for top personnel in the fields of training and education. New products, technology, software and services relating to the education and training sector were highlighted.

The range of Canadian products and services presented included hardware items such as electrical and electronic, power mechanics, hydraulic and pneumatic equipment, instrument and process control training systems for vocational and training centres, laboratory components, audio visual hardware such as Dayview projection units, and technical vans for vocational training.

On the software and service side, the Canadian firms represented have had extensive experience in overall project management for the establishment of management and technical/vocational/industrial training institutes and centres, determination of educational and training needs, design of curricula, and program design of academic systems and procedures.

A conference held during the exhibition provided the opportunity for educational specialists to present their views and experiences. One paper given at the conference dealt with radiovision as an economic way to reach a large population spread over vast territories.

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Seventy graduate engineers from the Indonesian Departments of Works and Transportation and Communications have spent the last two months on a training course in Canada under a US\$600,000 International Bank for Reconstruction and Development contract awarded to **Hickling-Partners Incorporated** of Toronto.

The participants, who formed the largest group of Indonesian government officials yet to be sent to Canada for this purpose, were divided into five smaller groups to be trained in transportation planning; traffic control management and motor vehicle accident investigation; information systems; project management, including road main-

tenance; and financial contracts.

The aim of the course was to strengthen the Indonesian government departments for which the engineers work and to expose the engineers to the latest in Canadian capabilities in the transportation field.

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Canada and Indonesia have laid the foundation for future co-operation in the field of **nuclear energy** by concluding an agreement concerning the peaceful use of nuclear energy. Following a successful round of negotiations between officials in Jakarta last February, the agreement was signed in Ottawa in July by visiting Indonesian Minister of Mines and Energy, Dr. Subroto, and Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs at the time, Dr. Mark MacGuigan.

The formalization of agreed views on nuclear safeguards means that Canada and Indonesia are now in a position to co-operate on a wide range of areas in the field of nuclear energy. Canada's vast experience in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, its advanced technology,

its training programs and its supplies of uranium will now be accessible to Indonesia, which is currently planning the development of its own nuclear program.

The centrepiece of Canada's nuclear technology is, of course, the Canada Deuterium Uranium (CANDU) reactor. The many benefits and attractive features of this reactor have been demonstrated to Indonesian ministers and officials on several occasions in the past when members of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL) visited Jakarta. For the past few years, AECL has taken an active interest in Indonesia's incipient nuclear energy program and has sought to relate the Canadian experience to Indonesia's needs.

Dr. Subroto had further discussions with senior AECL representatives in Ottawa during his July visit at the invitation of Canada's former Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Marc Lalonde. Indonesia's Director General of Energy, Dr. Samanun Samadikun, accompanied Dr. Subroto.

While in Ottawa, Dr. Subroto also met with the Minister of State for Mines Judy Erola and Trade Minister Ed Lumley for discussions that were wide-ranging and dealt with important issues such as the OPEC ministerial meeting in Vienna, global negotiations, and world energy developments, as well as matters concerning technology and international trade.

In Montreal, Dr. Subroto made stops



Indonesia's Minister of Mines and Energy, Dr. Subroto, and Canada's former Secretary of State for External Affairs, Dr. Mark MacGuigan, after the formal signing of the nuclear agreement.