

to promote a better awareness and understanding of intellectual property systems (patents) as an effective tool in industrial development. It will also provide advisory services for the improvement and modernization of industrial property standards. The Canadian programme has also supported the Private Investment Co-operation of Asia (PICA), a Singapore financing institution, and Technonet, a technology information centre also in Singapore. Both serve the ASEAN region.

Finally, Mark MacGuigan noted that prior to the beginning of ASEAN/Canada dialogue, the Canadian Heads of Posts in the five ASEAN countries have met in Kuala Lumpur with Senior Officials from Ottawa for a general review of Canadian policy in the region. This is the first time that such a regional meeting has been held. It was considered for all concerned extremely useful and beneficial.