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AT THE ASEAN POST-MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE:

MR CLARK CONDUCTS WIDE-RANGING CONSULTATIONS WITH ASEAN

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark led the Canadian delegation to the ASEAN Post Ministerial Conference held this year in Manila. The annual meeting brought together the ASEAN Foreign Ministers (Brunei, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines), as well as the Foreign Ministers of the dialogue country partners (Canada, the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and the European Community).

During the meeting of the six ASEAN countries with their dialogue partners, dubbed the Six Plus Six meeting, Mr Clark raised the new round of multilateral trade negotiations. In particular, he noted the need to contain protectionist pressures and to move towards freer trade. Mr Clark detailed a number of the issues of common interest to Canada and ASEAN including improved discipline on the use of countervail and emergency safeguard measures, strengthening the GATT dispute settlement process, trade in agriculture, fisheries and other resource products and particularly achieving greater discipline



President Aquino receives Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark during his official visit to the Philippines.

on the use of agricultural subsidies. Having just arrived in the Philippines from a trip to Ireland where he participated in the dedication ceremony of the memorial to the victims of the Air India Flight 182

tragedy of last June 23, Mr Clark also noted the problems of international terrorism. Mr Clark referred to the continuing stalemate in Cambodia and to international cooperation in drug abuse prevention.

Thailand, who as Canada's dialogue partner has taken on the role of coordinating Canada's dialogue relationship with ASEAN, chaired the Six Plus One meeting in which Canada had an opportunity to discuss issues of concern with the ASEAN members alone. Mr Clark expressed his delight that all ASEAN countries had accepted his invitation to participate in Expo '86. He also noted that Canada will convene in Victoria and Vancouver a Canada-ASEAN Forum which is intended to bring together senior businessmen to look at increased cooperation through joint ventures. The potential for growth in two way trade is significant and Mr Clark stressed that Canada intends to do more in the area of commercial cooperation and investment promotion. Canada is also looking at how to develop a transfer of technology mechanism. Mr Clark noted the efforts of the private sector to consider establishing formal links through the Canadian and ASEAN Chambers of Commerce as an important step forward as direct business contacts will build better commercial

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Expo Bound: The traditional Bugis sailboat "Phinisi Nusantara" which left Jakarta on July 10 for a voyage across the Pacific Ocean is scheduled to arrive in Vancouver in September. This Indonesia contribution will be one of the many visitors to Expo '86 (see page 4).