

a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the provision of a \$4-million commodity loan to Indonesia. Indonesia recently became an area of concentration for Canadian development assistance.

General Abdul Haris Nasution, Chairman of the Indonesian People's Consultative Congress and one of Indonesia's best-known citizens, and his wife, visited Canada in April as guests of the Speaker of the House of Commons. They travelled widely during their ten-day visit, and had an opportunity to meet a large number of Canadians.

Malaysia

In September, Tun Abdul Razak, the Prime Minister of Malaysia, and his wife Toh Puan Raha paid an official visit to Canada. The visit followed the official visit of Prime Minister Trudeau to Malaysia in May 1970 and his visit to Sabah, one of the states of East Malaysia, in January at the time of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Conference. In Ottawa, Tun Razak met Prime Minister Trudeau, the Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. He also signed with the Prime Minister a \$46.5-million loan agreement, the uncommitted balance of a \$50-million offer for the development of hydro-electric power in Malaysia. Following his visit to Ottawa, Tun Razak paid an unofficial visit to British Columbia. In both Vancouver and Ottawa, the Malaysian Prime Minister met with a number of Canadian businessmen, many of whom had investment interests in Malaysia that reflected the growing relations between Canada and Malaysia, particularly in the economic sphere.

The Malaysian Minister of Finance, Tun Tan Siew Sin, visited Canada in May.

Malaysia has been designated a country of concentration for Canadian aid and also receives Canadian military-training assistance. The aid program is focused on technical assistance, particularly in forestry, power, transportation and regional planning. Trade between the two countries continued to expand during 1971, but the large bilateral trade surplus traditionally enjoyed by Malaysia decreased noticeably. Private Canadian investment in Malaysia is increasing and the signing of a bilateral investment insurance-agreement during the year will provide a vehicle for the expansion of Canada's economic relations with Malaysia.

Philippines

Early in 1971, the first resident Philippines Ambassador to Canada, Mr. Privado G. Jimenez, opened a new embassy in Ottawa. Relations between Canada and the Philippines have centred primarily on trade, investment and immigration. The Philippines is one of Canada's most important markets in Southeast Asia. The Philippine Secretary of Finance, Mr. Cesar Virata, visited Canada in June.