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CANADA-ASEAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION

The Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, will open the Inaugural Meeting of the Canada-ASEAN Joint Cooperation Committee in Ottawa on April 26, 1983. The meeting between senior officials of Canada and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) (Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand) is being held in the Lester B. Pearson Building April 26 and 27.

The Canada-ASEAN Joint Cooperation Committee was established under the Economic Cooperation Agreement which was signed between Canada and the member countries of ASEAN on September 25, 1981 and which came into force on June 1, 1982. The task of the Joint Cooperation Committee is to promote and review the various forms of cooperation envisaged under the Agreement - industrial cooperation, commercial cooperation, and development cooperation. The Committee will also review recent trends in the international economic situation.