

Industrial and Technical Co-operation Agreement. This agreement between Canada and ASEAN was suggested by Dr. MacGuigan during his meeting with the ASEAN Foreign Ministers in June, 1980. Such an agreement would serve to accelerate the transfer of technology between Canada and ASEAN and, as well, to underpin Canadian and ASEAN commercial, economic and developmental co-operation in the region.

In the future, other forms of Canadian co-operation with ASEAN will be examined, some of them arising from the Industrial and Technical Co-operation Agreement and others resulting from new circumstances and perceptions of how best to work with one another.

Canadian Electrical Standards Mission in ASEAN

A CANADIAN electrical standards mission visited all the ASEAN countries during November and December, 1980, to hold discussions with ASEAN agencies responsible for the establishment of industrial and commercial standards within their countries. The mission was jointly sponsored by the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and was organized to determine possible areas of co-operation which could lead to the CSA providing technical assistance in the preparation of ASEAN-wide industrial standards to promote domestic and industrial safety.

While in Singapore the CSA team met with members of its counterpart, the Singapore Institute of Standards and Industrial Research (SISIR), as well as the Public Utilities Board and the Telecommunications Authority of Singapore.

The team will be preparing a report for the Canadian government, which will lead to a second more detailed visit during April or May, 1981.

ASEAN Participants in Management Seminar

UNDER the auspices of the Canadian International Development Agency's (CIDA) Industrial Co-operation Program participants from ASEAN are being sponsored to attend a Management Development Program at the prestigious Banff School of Advanced Management (BSAM) in Banff, Alberta, Canada.

The program is designed for mature executives at the middle-management level in both the private and public sector and has been specially adapted with ASEAN participants in mind. The six-week course which commences in February, 1981, will be followed by a two week cross-Canada orientation tour.

The BSAM was established in 1952 by universities in western Canada and has developed an excellent reputation for instruction in modern management concepts and techniques. In the context of Canada's evolving relationship with ASEAN it is hoped that the Management Development Program will contribute over time to a strengthening of the management capabilities in ASEAN in order to achieve increased productive use of human and financial resources.

Albertan Oil Men Offer Technology to Thailand

AN ALBERTA oil and gas industry mission captured the interest of Thailand's senior government officials and industrialists concerned with energy questions by suggesting possible Canadian solutions to Thailand's energy problems during a visit there from November 28 to December 3, 1980.

Led by Alberta Economic Development and International Trade Minister Horst Schmid, representatives of the 11 Canadian oil and gas companies which made up the mission offered technology to help Thailand develop its hydrocarbon resources.

In addition to Mr. Schmid's separate meetings with Thai Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda, Industry Minister Chatchai Choonhovan, and Science, Technology and Energy Minister Anuwat Wattanapongsiri, the Canadians had discussions with officials from the Petroleum Authority of Thailand, the Defence Ministry's energy department, and the Department of Mineral Resources.

In a press interview, Mr Schmid compared Thailand's present situation to Canada's some 30 years ago. At that time, Mr. Schmid noted, Canada had the resources but relied on imported technology. He said that what Thailand is going through now has been experienced already in Alberta and the industry there wants to share those experiences through joint ventures and technological transfer.

Mr. Schmid said Canadian technology could benefit Thailand in exploiting its natural gas reserves, developing heavy oil deposits and new oil and gas fields. Alberta has developed some of the world's most advanced technology in these areas.

Focusing on the potential for gas, Mr. Schmid said Canada would like to set up a pilot project for compressed natural gas that could replace gasoline and diesel fuel for motor vehicles.

In addition to its gas reserves, Thailand has some heavy oil deposits. Alberta leads the world in enhanced recovery methods for heavy oil. Thailand only gets 250 barrels a day from its heavy oil deposits. With technology from Canada through joint ventures and technological transfer, this could be increased substantially, Mr Schmid said. A joint Thai Canadian working committee will be set up to study the potential for co-operation.

The Alberta mission presented a technical seminar for senior government officials and representatives of the petroleum industry. Topics covered included geophysical exploration services, well augmentation, pipeline construction and production techniques.

The mission also provided 10 scholarships which will allow Thai officials to follow courses in petrochemicals and petroleum engineering in Alberta.

Mr. Schmid's Thailand visit was his second to ASEAN in 1980. In February he led a similar Alberta mission to the Offshore Asia oil and gas exploration exposition in Singapore.

Quebec Executives in Indonesia

A GROUP of business executives from the province of Quebec, Canada, spent five days in Indonesia at the end of November, 1980, consulting with various Indonesian government representatives and businessmen in the Jakarta area.

The visitors represented companies offering products and services in high-technology areas ranging from hydroelectric construction techniques through to telecommunications networks, and audio-visual production and communication systems.