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MINISTER CLARK TO MEET WITH HEADS OF MISSION
OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS

EDMONTON - On Friday, June 23rd, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, will meet with the Ambassadors and High Commissioners accredited to Canada of the member countries of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN). In the evening, Mr. Clark will host a dinner in their honour at Fort Edmonton. Member countries of ASEAN include Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand).

Mr. Clark invited the Ambassadors and High Commissioners to Edmonton to introduce them to senior provincial government and business leaders. In 1988, Alberta exported \$155.5 million to the ASEAN region.

Mr. Clark will be discussing the issues which will arise during his meetings with ASEAN Foreign Ministers in Brunei, Darussalam from July 6-8. Since 1977, Canada has had the privileged status of "dialogue partner" with the Association, reflecting the undertaking by both sides to increase collaboration in economic and political affairs and to enhance contacts among their peoples. The agenda is expected to include discussions on developments in China, prospects for peace in Cambodia, environmental concerns in the Pacific, and plans for the creation of a high-level forum for consultations on Pacific economic issues.

While in Edmonton, Mr. Clark also will be meeting with recipients of media fellowships awarded by the Asia-Pacific Foundation of Canada. Since the Media Fellowship Programme was introduced in 1986, 24 Canadian journalists have received funding for travel in Asia, to broaden their understanding of the economic, political, educational and cultural issues of the region.

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