

# CANADA SUPPORTS PHILIPPINE PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT

Senior officials from Canada and the Philippines' Office of Energy Affairs presided over the opening of a six-day seminar on "Managing Petroleum Industry Organizations Effectively in the 1990s", which was held at the Development Academy of the Philippines Conference Centre. The seminar was prepared by the Alberta Summer Institute of Petroleum Industry Development (ASIPID), drawing on the resources and expertise of the Canadian private and academic sectors.

Representing Canada were Peter M. Towe, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Petro-Canada International Assistance Corporation (PCIAC); Wilbert H. Hopper, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the parent company, Petro-Canada; and J. Stanford, President of Petro-Canada Resources. Heading the Philippine contingent was W. R. de la Paz, Executive Director of the Office of Energy Affairs (OEA). Canadian Ambassador Andre S. Simard also attended the seminar.

Other participants included officials from the OEA, the Philippines National Oil Corporation (PNOC) and Philippine private sector oil firms, as well as representatives from Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia.

Executive Secretary Catalino Macaraig of the Office of the President hosted an Executive Round Table on developments in the global oil industry and how these might affect the Philippines. Mr Hopper discussed the effects of growing global oil consumption and higher import bills in oil-importing developing countries. The need to encourage domestic oil exploration in such countries was clearly recognized.

President Corazon Aquino met Ambassador Simard, Mr Hopper, Mr Towe and Mr Stanford to discuss Canadian support to the Philippine oil and gas industry and the findings of the Executive Round Table. The Petro-Canada officials offered further assistance in the form of Canadian goods and services to the PNOC for a possible multi-well drilling project in conjunction with the private sector.

PCIAC is the main development assistance arm of the Canadian Government in the oil and gas sector. It was established in 1981 as a non-profit subsidiary of Petro-Canada, Canada's nationally-owned oil and gas corporation. Canadian aid funds are used to help oil-importing developing countries explore indigenous sources of oil and gas, using Canadian expertise and personnel as required, on a non-profit, cost-recovery basis.

PCIAC has granted approximately \$15.9 million to the Philippines since 1983. Its current activities, of which the petroleum management seminar was a part, include upgrading data, management capabilities through equipping a new Data Management Centre, technical and management training in the Philippines and Canada, and technical advisory support to exploration activities being carried out by the PNOC-Exploration company.

*Key figures of the seminar, "Managing Petroleum Industry Organizations Effectively in the 1990s", called on President Aquino. From left: Mr J. Stanford, Ambassador Simard, Mr Peter Towe, Mr W.H. Hopper, Mr Catalino Macaraig, Mr W. R. de la Paz, Ambassador Sergio Barrera, Chief of Protocol in Malacanang, and Mr Rufino Bomasang, Deputy Executive Director of the Office of Energy Affairs*



## CIDA MAN MOVES ON

Jose (Jojo) D. Deles, Jr., program manager of the CIDA Field Support Unit for the past four years, was recently appointed Undersecretary for Operations in the Department of Agrarian Reform in the Philippines. Jojo will be sorely missed by all those involved in the Development Assistance Program.