



*Young Indonesians and Canadians test a hand pump they installed as one of their Canada World Youth projects in Petonggan Village, Riau Province in Sumatra.*

other country, an experience of the realities of development both in Canada and the exchange countries and to engender personal commitments to furthering the development process at home and abroad.

In Indonesia, the 1981-82 program involved more youths than in any year since the first-1975—with 50 Indonesians and 50 Canadians participating in activities in Alberta and Newfoundland in Canada and in the Special Territory of Aceh and Riau Province on the island of Sumatra in Indonesia.

In Indonesia, the young Indonesians and Canadians were involved in small-scale projects such as bridge and road repair, water and sanitation work, harvesting crops and repairing community facilities, for example, a village mosque. Their volunteer labour symbolized in many respects the Indonesian concept of *gotong royong* or mutual voluntary self-help, and their impact should last well beyond the initial projects that the participants carried out.

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Canada is assisting Indonesia to increase **rice production** on the island of Lombok in Indonesia's eastern islands through the construction of a system of high level diversion (HLD) of water.

The system will take wet-season surplus water from the north-western part of the island through a series of canals and divert it to the south central part of Lombok, an area known as the "critical area." Approximately 7,000 hectares will be irrigated by the system, which will guarantee at least one rice crop a year to a significant part of this

critical area and help break the cruel cycle of drought, malnutrition and even starvation regularly suffered in past years.

Canada's involvement with the island of Lombok started in 1973 with a water resource development study conducted by Canadian consultants. In December 1979 a loan agreement was signed for \$12.6 million to assist the Indonesian government in carrying out the construction of the HLD system.

The Canadian money will be used to procure all foreign goods, services and materials needed in the construction, including equipment, and for a substantial portion of the associated local costs.

The Canadian consultant, Monenco, which currently has six engineers living on the island of Lombok, is now reviewing the design and preparing tender drawings for the first stages of construction. It is expected that construction of the HLD will be completed by 1986.

To ensure that all of the population of the critical area, and not just the land owners, benefit from the project, the Canadian International Development Agency is providing grant funds to identify other activities that perhaps could be developed on a co-operative basis. This grant will also be used to ensure that the necessary training in water management techniques will be given to both the population of the critical area, to ensure effective use of the water, and to the farmers in the north-western area who will have to make do with less water than they traditionally have had available.

## MALAYSIA

The Canadian Minister of State for International Trade Edward C. Lumley recently announced Canada's decision to sign the sixth **International Tin Agreement**, which is scheduled to become effective on the July 1.

During the sixth ITA negotiations, the Canadian representatives successfully sought the establishment of a balance of rights and obligations for producing and consuming members, with mandatory consumer participation in the financing of the buffer stock and for improving the conditions for the use of supplementary export control measures.

Canada has been a consuming member of all five previous ITAs, beginning in 1956. The successive agreements have provided a continuing forum for producer-consumer dialogue.

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On June 8, Canada's High Commissioner to Malaysia Gerald F.G. Hughes, presented a \$12,567 cheque to the Vice-Chancellor of the **Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia**, Y.B. Tan Sri Datuk Professor Awang Had Salleh, in support of the university's medical faculty project to identify disabled children more accurately.

The survey project will provide a means for determining the incidence of various disabling conditions among children in the three-years to nine-years age group and, through more accurate statistical data, permit agencies involved



*Y.B. Tan Sri Datuk Professor Awang Had Salleh (l) accepts a cheque from Canada's High Commissioner to Malaysia, Gerald F.G. Hughes, in support of the Universiti Kebangsaan's medical faculty project.*