

position on Cambodia; we will continue to assist by taking our fair share of refugees. We will continue to resist protectionist pressures to reduce Thai exports. We will continue to assist you where possible in becoming more active in the Canadian market. We will maintain our aid programme and we will be enhancing our assistance to Thailand in its efforts to combat the pernicious drug trade.

Contacts between officials of our two countries represent a growing and closer working relationship built on jointly acknowledged ideals and issues. When His Excellency, Prime Minister Prem, visited Canada in April 1985, it signified that these links were to be supplemented by tangible economic cooperation between our two countries.

Since the Prime Minister's visit, other events have occurred which underline the importance of our bilateral relations. During my visit to Thailand, I am signing a double taxation agreement which will assist and encourage businessmen to increase commerce between our two countries. Thailand's participation in Expo 86 offers exciting prospects of enhanced economic relations. The mission of Minister Samak in March illustrated the part Canada can play in Thailand's development of its communications network. The mission to Canada led by Minister Damrong in May, is expected to produce a number of scientific and technological exchanges and joint ventures which will serve to advance industrial development in Thailand. Other missions have been led by Canada's Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion and by Thailand's Board of Investment, opening doors and expanding possibilities for a vibrant bilateral relationship.

Given the vastness of Canada, and the requirement to move great quantities of materials to domestic and international markets, it is only natural, that we find ourselves amongst the world leaders in energy, transportation and communications technology. By great fortune for our manufacturers and consultants, your country is rapidly expanding and has a requirement for equipment and technology in these three areas.

We have, for example, two Canadian companies, Babcock and Wilcox and Combustion Engineering, which have each won contracts from EGAT and between them supplied all seven boilers at the Mae Moh project. Furthermore, these two companies, although strong competitors, are both