

## News briefs

Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, will visit Toronto in early July. During her stay the Queen Mother will attend the one-hundred-and-twenty-second running of the Queen's Plate and will participate in bicentennial celebrations of the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The Department of Communications has published a study outlining policies to help Canada meet the challenges of the high-technology age and to capture a share of Canadian and international markets for advanced communications products. The study, *The Information Revolution and its Implications for Canada*, by Shirley Serafini and Michel Andrieu, examines: the emergence of an information economy; recent technological advances; policy concerns; and the Canadian and foreign experiences.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has announced the signing of a loan agreement totalling up to \$22.7 million (U.S.) to support the sale of lignite-fired boiler equipment by Combustion Engineering-Superheater Limited, (C-E Canada), of Ottawa. The loan was made in connection with a contract awarded by the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (EGAT) to CEMAR, a consortium consisting of C-E Canada and Marubeni Corporation of Tokyo, Japan, for Unit 5 at EGAT's Mae Moh Power Station.

The federal government recently made a 12-gigahertz (GHz) video channel on the *Anik B* satellite available to permit viewing of the Breast Cancer Update '81, a one-day program sponsored by the Manitoba Division of the Canadian Cancer Society, in co-operation with the Saskatchewan Division of the Society. The program which originated in Winnipeg was transmitted by satellite to earth

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*Manitoba Energy and Mines Minister Don Craik (right) and Richard A. Lenon, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of International Minerals & Chemical Corporation of Northbrook, Illinois, sign an historic memorandum of agreement to pave the way for development of Manitoba's first potash mine and refinery. The \$600-million, 500-employee project, which Mr. Craik said will bring a new and important dimension to the province's mineral industry, is planned for the McAuley area, 90 miles west of Brandon. The development plan will include a partnership arrangement between the Manitoba government agency, Manitoba Mineral Resources and IMC-Canada, operating under the name Manitoba Potash Company (MPC).*

stations located at public buildings in Winnipeg, Brandon, Dauphin, Flin Flon, Thompson, The Pas and Morden, Manitoba, and Regina, Saskatoon and Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada has begun a pilot project to assist the library of the University of Makerere in Kampala, Uganda in its recovery from eight years of financial stringency. Canadian universities are being asked to co-operate in collecting books and journals which are being sent to Overseas Book Centres in Canada and from there to Makerere University. If successful, the project may be continued to help other Third World university libraries.

Du Pont Canada Incorporated of Montreal has licensed Asahi Chemical Industry Company Limited, the major Japanese chemicals group, for unrestricted

use of its low-pressure linear polyethylene resins manufacturing technology. The Japanese company plans to build a plant in Japan to produce the resins.

Eleven farmers from China will spend six months in Saskatchewan this year learning about dryland farming. The Chinese will live as guests of farmers in the Regina and Moose Jaw areas. In addition to their practical experience on Saskatchewan farms, the group is to receive instruction about farm machinery at a Regina community college.

The Solar Energy Society of Canada Incorporated will hold an international energy conference and exposition at the University of Regina next year. Energe '82 is expected to attract some 1,000 people. The theme of the conference will be "the effective integration of energy into a nation's quest for energy self-reliance with consideration being given to the technical, economic and human dimensions".

The federal government has announced that projects involving 202 senior citizens groups across Canada will receive \$1,201,488 in federal contributions. Almost 25,000 participants are directly involved. The funds are made available through the department's New Horizons program.

The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce has moved its United States operations headquarters to New York to establish closer relations with the U.S. financial and investment communities, regulatory agencies and major corporate clients and prospects.

Canada is rapidly approaching an important milestone in its progress as an industrial nation: it is within sight of a position of net self-sufficiency in the supply of savings for investment, IDA President Kniewasser has told a meeting in Britain of the Association of Canadian Investment Dealer. He noted that the country is starting out on a wave of new productive investment over the next two decades that is unprecedented in size. But he added that Canada's capacity to generate domestic savings is expected to grow even more quickly than the demand for capital.

Brian Morgan, a 25-year-old teacher from Newcastle, Australia, recently won the Vancouver International marathon in a time of two hours, 16 minutes and 26 seconds. John Hill of Vancouver, the race winner in 1978, was the top Canadian finishing fourth in 2:19:15.