

Mr. Kelleher also made the following announcements:

1. A joint venture between a Canadian company and a Thai commercial firm. In January 1985, Protein Foods Group Inc., of Hamilton, reached a \$1 million agreement with Laem Thong involving the transfer of technology for the mechanical deboning and processing of poultry cuts.
2. Ontario Hydro has signed a technical co-operation agreement with the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (EGAT). The agreement with EGAT is representative of Ontario Hydro's international marketing efforts in selected overseas markets. It also demonstrates EGAT's high regard for the technical capability of Canadian utilities.
3. The addition of a new commercial officer to the Embassy's Commercial Division. This is one of the steps the Government is taking to increase our trade representation in the Asia Pacific region. Two new posts will be opened in Osaka (Japan) and Shanghai (China) and a trade office will be opened in Bombay (India).

During his three-day visit, Mr. Kelleher met with Prime Minister Prem, Foreign Minister/Deputy Prime Minister Siddhi and five Thai Ministers responsible for commerce, industry, oil and gas, transportation, and communications.

In his discussions with these Ministers, Mr. Kelleher emphasized that "the next round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations is the best means open to trading nations to turn back the protectionist tide, lower trade barriers, and strengthen the multilateral trading system". He also said that he was successful in obtaining Thailand's support for Montreal's candidacy as the venue for the Ministerial Conference, which will launch the new Multilateral Trade Negotiations under the GATT. Thailand is the third Southeast Asian country, after Indonesia and Malaysia, to support Montreal's bid to host this Conference.