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Singapore's long-awaited world-class indoor stadium may soon begin to grow on a plot of land in Kallang, but its roots are in Canada. Two of the three directors of the firm of developers, Coliseum Company (Singapore) Pte. Ltd., are Canadians and financial backing for the project is to be provided by a Canadian-based finance group.

Estimated to cost \$57 million, the proposed multi-purpose, air-conditioned stadium, to be called Lion City Coliseum, will have a seating capacity of 18,500. It will take about three years to complete. When it is operational, the coliseum is expected to have at least 120 days a year, or 10 days each month, scheduled for international and regional sporting, cultural, musical and other events.

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The Canadian Alumni Singapore is holding its first Annual General Meeting for 1981 on Saturday, April 25 at 4.30 p.m. in the Staff House, National University of Singapore, Bukit Timah Campus.

The buffet dinner that follows the meeting is the second social gathering organized by the Alumni. The first was a cocktail party held at the Canadian High Commissioner's residence where the members welcomed the visiting principal of McGill University, Montreal.

At its inaugural meeting on November 15, 1980, the Alumni launched a drive for members and set out the group's main objectives. As well as providing facilities — social and otherwise — for graduates of Canadian educational institutions to meet together, the Alumni will assist students intending to study in Canada, and promote goodwill between Singapore and Canada.

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Three ships — Kootenay, Gatineau, and Provider — of the Second Canadian Destroyer Squadron sailed into Singapore on April 1 for a six-day goodwill tour.

The squadron operates out of the Pacific coast naval base in Esquimalt, British Columbia, Canada. Both HMCS Kootenay and HMCS Gatineau are Canadian built and are used principally for anti-submarine activities. Prior to their Singapore visit the ships were



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involved in joint exercises with the United States' Navy in the Pacific. Hong Kong is the squadron's next port of call.

HMCS Gatineau and Kootenay are part of the Improved Restigouche class and have been modernized to incorporate the most advanced detection equipment and anti-submarine weapons systems. They have also been designed to protect crews from nuclear fall-out since provision has been made for a minimum number of personnel to work in exposed areas. HMCS Provider is the Squadron's supply vessel.

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Export Furniture Canada, a group of 20-25 manufacturers, has written orders for \$350,000 to \$500,000 from furniture buyers for outlets in Singapore and Australia and follow-up sales during the year could amount to another \$5 million.

The buyers were among the 25 overseas store representatives invited under the sponsorship of Canada's Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce to the Toronto Furniture Show held on January 12 and 13. The invitations were made possible by the department's Promotional Projects Program, which sponsors industrial missions to and from Europe, Asia, and North America.

The biggest event of its kind in Canada, the Toronto Furniture Show, which this year attracted more than 10,000 trade representatives, provides a national shop

window for the latest products of 200 exhibitors. Orders placed at the show represent an estimated 20 per cent of the Canadian furniture industry's annual turnover of approximately \$2 billion.

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The Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) is assisting trade unions in Asia to develop socio-economic projects through the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions-Asian Regional Organization (ICFTU-ARO).

The ARO, which was founded in 1952 and has its regional office in Singapore, concentrates on complementing the traditional trade union concerns of its affiliates, the largest trade unions in Asia. Hence the adoption of projects such as those managed by Alan Amey, whose secondment from the CLC to the ICFTU-ARO was partially sponsored by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

Mr. Amey is currently concerned with a health insurance scheme and an integrated rural development project in Indonesia, a vocational training project in Malaysia, and a supermarket scheme in Papua-New Guinea.

The future plans of the CLC's international department, which has expanded considerably in the last two years, include the education of trade unionists in the concerns highlighted by the North-South dialogue.