

Canadian Trade Mission Visits Manila

■ A large trade and investment mission from Saskatchewan recently visited Manila to look into developing the Province's trade prospects in the Philippines, as well as identifying education linkages for its business students. Saskatchewan, in the Canadian prairies, has an agricultural base coupled with expanding industrial strength in high technology.

Apart from renewing relationships with the Asian Institute of Management, the mission explored business opportunities with the Asian Development Bank, Philippine Government authorities, including the Board of Investments,

and clients, distributors, and potential joint venture partners in the private sector. From the Philippines, the group proceeded to Singapore and Malaysia.

Canada's bilateral trade with the Philippines in 1989 registered an increase of 37% over 1988. Saskatchewan wheat accounted for 600 million pesos worth of Canadian exports to the Philippines in the past year.

Mr Bill Reid, Executive Director for Saskatchewan of the Department of Industry, Science and Technology Canada, led the mission, which also included Asid Sarkar, Professor of Business at the University of Saskatchewan.

EDUCATION

THE RATTANAKOSIN SCHOLARSHIP



Farewell to Rattanakosin scholars. From left: Ms Nualpun Thammachot, Mrs Jatuporn Aroonkamonsri, Mr Somgiat Hengnirun, Ambassador L.A.H. Smith, Mr Pichet Soonthornpipat, DTEC, and Mr Eric Yendall, Canadian Embassy

■ In 1982, Canada established the Rattanakosin Scholarship to commemorate Bangkok's bicentennial as Thailand's capital and the founding of the Chakri Dynasty. In the years since, over 80 Thai scholars have benefitted from the program to study for master's and doctoral degrees in Canadian universities.

The current phase of the program will see

10-15 scholars going to Canada in 1991 for higher degrees, as well as a number going for short or long term professional or technical training. Advertisements for the competitive degree scholarships have just gone out, and it is expected that the successful scholars will represent the very best of Thailand's young talents.