

THIRD WORLD STUDENTS GET STUDY AID

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) will contribute \$472,793 towards a new \$3.8 million scholarship program at McMaster University in Hamilton, Canada, for students from developing countries. Students from over 100 developing countries will be eligible for the scholarships in a variety of disciplines.

The program is now being publicized overseas through Canadian embassies and offices of CUSO, a Canadian non-governmental development organization.

CIDA's contribution will cover tuition fees for 12 undergraduate and 39 graduate students from the Third World. McMaster University will provide the graduate students with financial support for their basic living expenses. A bursary fund for Third World students, raised by Hamilton churches and business, will help the undergraduates cover their living expenses.

The university will involve the Hamilton community by encouraging local professional, church and service groups to adopt students into their organizations.

Assisting Third World countries to develop their human resources is one of CIDA's priorities in the new Canadian international development strategy, "Sharing Our Future", which was announced on 3 March 1988.



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Canada-Thai Youth Exchange

The Canada World Youth (CWY) exchange program with Thailand is alive and thriving in its third year as 21 Thai youths left Canada on 23 June and will return, along with their Canadian counterparts, in early October. The Canadians will go back home in January 1989.

With full support from the Community Development Department (CDD) of Thailand, the CWY Thai program has been very successful and will continue its focus on dairy herd development. Sites retained for the projects this year are in British Columbia in Canada, and Nakhon Ratchasima, Phitsanulok and Chiang Rai provinces in Thailand.

Photo shows CDD director-general Suwanai Thongnop receiving a cheque from the Canadian Embassy's Don Collier and Georges Menard, to cover medical checkup expenses for the Thai youths about to leave for Canada.

ARTS

CANADIAN LIT. TAKES A BOW IN MANILA

Ken Mitchell, a Prairie-based Canadian writer and poet, visited Manila during "Read Canada Week", which was held from 7 to 12 March. Canadian literature and its various authors took centrestage in the week-long celebration which saw Mitchell conducting workshops and book readings in five universities — University of Santo Tomas, De La Salle University, University of the Philippines, Ateneo de Manila University, and Angeles University — a special workshop called

"Huntahan" at the Cultural Centre of the Philippines (CCP), and meetings with his Filipino counterparts everywhere he went. There were also screenings at the CCP of Mitchell's film vignettes and other films featuring Canadian literary figures like Hugh Maclellan, Margaret Atwood, Margaret Laurence, W.O. Mitchell and Earle Birney. A book exhibition and a sale of Mitchell's books at the national bookstore capped the week's events.

Canadian writer-poet Ken Mitchell

