

Ottawa Premier Visits Singapore and Malaysia

The Honourable William Davis, Premier of the Province of Ontario, will visit Singapore and Malaysia in early October. Mr. Davis will lead an official delegation and several senior Ontario businessmen on a visit to promote trade and investment in Ontario.

While in Singapore, the Premier will be meeting with Dr. Tony Tan, Minister of Trade and Industry, Dr. Yeo Ning Hong, Acting Minister of Communications, and Mr. E.W. Barker, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Law. Mr. Davis will seek briefings from Ministers and their officials on Singapore's development plans and priorities for the future. As well, he will discuss matters of mutual interest relating to economic and political developments in the region and on the broader international stage.

Accompanying the Premier will be the President of the Urban Transportation



The Honourable William G. Davis

Seminar on Video Technology for Increased Productivity

Leighton & Kidd Consulting Engineers will hold a seminar in Singapore on 5 October on the use of videotapes in training programs for higher productivity.

The seminar is entitled "Industrial Skills Training Using the Videotape Medium - A Cost Effective Means of Productivity Improvement" and will be held in two sessions (morning and afternoon) in the Shangri-La Hotel.

The seminar is being organized in conjunction with the visit of the Honourable William Davis, Premier of Ontario, who will be in Singapore 5-8 October. A.J. Leighton, President of Leighton & Kidd Ltd, will be a member of a senior Ontario business delegation visiting Singapore and the region in early October.

Leighton & Kidd has developed a specialized service in the field of technical staff training. Their courses range from those providing basic skills training in automechanics, welding, machine tool operation and rigging; task training subjects such as pump alignment and the installation of bearings, through to courses which provide the theory required by a system or plant operator.

An example of their course development is the recent production "Electric Power Systems Operation" which is now being used to train power system operators by over 60 major utilities and power pools world wide.

Leighton & Kidd are represented in Singapore by Transforma (Pte) Ltd.

Development Corporation (UTDC) and other senior representatives of Canadian firms making up Metro Canada International Ltd, the consortium competing for mechanical and electrical contracts in Singapore's multi-million dollar Mass Rapid Transit project. UTDC is an Ontario government crown corporation set up by Premier Davis to develop and promote Canadian expertise in design, construction, and management of light and heavy rapid transit systems.

In addition to MRT interests, the accompanying businessmen will be pursuing opportunities for sales or joint ventures involving products such as aquatic weed harvesting equipment, percussion rock-drilling devices, and police radar systems. As well, there are

representatives of companies providing sophisticated services such as agricultural project management, design and production of video-taped training program, and 'turnkey' design, building, and equipment installation of capsule manufacturing plants.

While in Malaysia, Premier Davis will call upon Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, Minister of Education Sulaiman Daud, and Minister of Industry and Trade Rithaudeen. The Premier will also meet with representatives of the Canadian business community in Malaysia to discuss their activities and identify means and opportunities for expanding commercial and other links between Malaysia and Ontario.

The province of Ontario is the most populous of Canada's 10 provinces (8.6 million) and is more than one million square kilometres in area. Ontario is the industrial and manufacturing heart of the Canadian economy, producing nearly half of Canada's manufactured goods and 68 percent of its fully manufactured exports. Ontario accounts for 38 percent of Canada's gross national product and its consumers control 37 percent of the country's spending power.

This visit is further evidence of heightened Canadian interest in expanding contacts and pursuing commercial opportunities in the region. In January this year, Prime Minister Pierre E. Trudeau made official visits to each of the five ASEAN nations and Brunei. He was followed shortly thereafter by Minister for International Trade, Gerald Regan, who led a large contingent of senior Canadian businessmen on a visit to ASEAN. Deputy Prime Minister Allan MacEachen joined ASEAN Foreign Ministers in Bangkok in June for the annual meeting with Foreign Ministers of dialogue partners. (See separate stories on page 1 and 8).

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