

CANADA-ASEAN DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION PROGRAM

The principal thrust of Canada's development assistance program to ASEAN (Association of South East Asia Nations) and to Regional Institutions is to improve human resource development through technology transfer and training, and to promote environmentally sound practices within the framework of sustainable development. Canada's ASEAN and Regional Institutions Programs consist of 21 projects in such areas as management training, environmental preservation, integration of women into management, forestry and fisheries. The five new ASEAN development projects represent \$41 million in funding commitments by the Canadian International Development Agency. These programs are managed from the Canada-ASEAN Centre which was officially opened in Singapore by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Joe Clark, in July 1989.

NEW CIDA-ASEAN PROJECTS

Following is a short description of each of the five new projects funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) announced today.

The Canada-ASEAN Regional Training Programme

To help ASEAN countries manage development in key areas, this six-year project, worth \$9.1 million, has three major objectives: 1) increase the skills and knowledge of middle and senior level ASEAN public officials; 2) encourage co-operation among ASEAN officials; and 3) strengthen linkages between ASEAN and Canadian individuals and institutions.

The main components of this project are long-term training such as fellowships for Master's level, diploma or certificate study at Canadian universities, colleges and technical institutes, as well as short-term training such as formal courses, practical attachments and study tours, both in Canada and in the ASEAN region.

An early result of this project is the presence in Calgary of senior ASEAN trade officials who are currently participating in a workshop to discuss Canada-ASEAN trade opportunities.

Solar Energy in Drying Processes Project

This 5-year project, worth \$4.7 million, demonstrates how solar energy can be used for food-drying. The project will use existing Canadian technical assistance and equipment to establish solar-drying demonstration plants in each participating country and to disseminate information on this new technology throughout the region.