

Mr. Clark visited Negros Occidental yesterday in order to assess first hand the development problems of the province. He met Governor Daniel Lacson and presented cheques totalling \$84,000 (Canadian) to four NGO organizations active in social and economic development work. The presentation symbolizes Canada's commitment for active and urgent support of rehabilitation and development work in Negros Occidental and Negros Del Norte.

The Minister also outlined Canada's commitment to an over \$5 million (Canadian) program of assistance for the Philippines Immunization Program. The assistance will help the Government of the Philippines to achieve its goal of universal child immunization by 1990. The Canadian grant will be used to purchase vaccines for such childhood diseases as measles, polio and diphtheria.

Mr. Clark also announced the extension of the Bayawan Small Scale Fisheries Development in Negros Oriental. Canada has been assisting the project for the past four years. The extension will continue Canadian support for another two years in the area of marketing for fishing cooperatives.

Canada is also developing additional projects for assistance in the fields of cooperatives and rural education.