

CHANCERY BUILDING
CANADIAN EMBASSY, BRASILIA

The design concept of the Chancery is based on the principle of integrating man with his natural environment.

Brasilia is blessed with a superb climate which encourages outdoor activity throughout the year. Outdoor circulation under covered walkways and trellises and beside courtyard pools is implicit in the design of the new Chancery.

The functioning areas of the building are grouped informally around courtyards and relate directly to the contours of the gently sloping site. Most offices are orientated towards the lake and distant views of the surrounding savannah and away from the strong sunlight.

Construction is entirely of reinforced concrete columns and with concrete block infill covered with ochre-coloured plaster. Wood doors, screens and trellises are combined with natural stone floors to produce a warm environment of human scale. Recreation facilities, including a swimming pool and a tennis court are provided at the west end of the site.

Construction is being carried out by CONIC, a company from Recife with offices in Brasilia. The project is scheduled for completion in March of 1976.

