

TASTE OF CANADA IN SINGAPORE



Between April 24 and May 7, 1989, the Singapore Meridien Hotel treated its guests to a taste of Canada. The two-week Canadian food promotion which was undertaken in conjunction with Air Canada and Labatt's breweries featured a special Canadian menu of Atlantic lobsters, Alberta beef, Pacific salmon, Quebec maple syrup, venison and smoked trout ... and of course Labatt's famous blue-labelled beer.

Working with local chefs to lend an authentic touch to the Canadian specialities which were prepared, Mr Yves Lemonde, Executive Sous-Chef from the Montreal Meridien, was flown in especially for the two-week promotion. Chef Lemonde treated patrons to such delicacies as air-flown Canadian salmon flavoured with fresh dill, whole cold Canadian lobster country-style, Alberta fillet steak with Canadian whisky and grapes, pecan flan with maple syrup.

Readers planning to travel to Singapore in the next several months can plan on sampling Canadian food products as similar food promotions will take place at the Jurong Golf Club from June 1 to 15 and the Oriental Hotel in the first half of September.



1. Chef Yves Lemonde
2. Mr Rick St Maurice, Regional General Manager (Asia and South Pacific) of Air Canada, and Mr Tony Cousens, Director of Sales & Marketing, Meridien Hotel (Orchard Road), toasting the launch of the Canadian Food Promotion with Labatt's beer

Supporting Singapore's Multicultural Policies

Canada, itself a multicultural country, is making grants to Chinese, Malay and Indian organizations in support of Singapore's multicultural policies. The grant to the Chinese Clan Foundation will be used to assist in the publication of the book *Chinese Customs and Festivals*. The contribution to the Malay Chamber of Commerce will be used to help that chamber's expertise in mounting exhibitions and conferences. The grant to Kala Mandhir, a non-profit Indian cultural organization, will be used to assist in the training of Indian musicians and dancers.

Canadian High Commissioner Sean Brady noted that, like Singapore, Canada is a multicultural country and, like the Government of Singapore, the Canadian Government has an active policy of supporting and encouraging the many ethnic groups in Canada to preserve their cultural values. He noted that Canada and Singapore share many political and economic interests. Perhaps

less recognized, however, is the fact that both countries also share a common interest in preserving and enhancing the cultural values, customs and traditions which give meaning and importance to everyday life.

Mr Brady said, "The richness and diversity of Canada's cultural life has benefited greatly from the contributions made by the Chinese, Malay and Indian communities in Canada. These grants to the three groups in Singapore are a small way of showing Canada's appreciation for the many benefits which these three groups have made to Canadian life and of associating Canada with Singapore's active production of multicultural cooperation.

"On a personal note, my three years in Singapore have impressed on me in a real way that multicultural cooperation not only can work, but it must work."