

CANADIAN AMBASSADOR ADDRESSES REGIONAL FISHERIES MEET

The inaugural meeting of the Western Pacific Fisheries Consultative Committee (WPFCC) was held on December 15-17, 1988, in Manila. The WPFCC is an initiative of the Philippines to promote fisheries cooperation among ASEAN states and the Pacific Island Nations which share common fisheries resources.

Noting the need for coordinated efforts to effectively manage such a critical resource, the Canadian Government contributed \$60,000 towards the inaugural meeting. The amount came from a grant of almost half a million dollars for the promotion of fisheries cooperation in the Pacific over the next three years.

In his speech to the 40 member-participants of the WPFCC and observers from other regional fisheries organizations, Canadian Ambassador Russell Davidson stressed Canada's support for the promotion of fisheries management and cooperation. He also cited the important role of the Philippine Department of Agriculture in providing staff and logistical support for the Committee Secretariat.

The inaugural event was hosted by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, and coordinated by the Inland Resources Development Corporation.



Ambassador Davidson addressing the inaugural meeting of the WPFCC. Also in the picture is Dr Gordon Munro, Economics Professor at the University of British Columbia and Pacific Economic Cooperation Conference Fisheries Taskforce Coordinator

LIVESTOCK PROJECT IN JAVA

On November 22, 1988, Indonesian Minister of Agriculture Wardoyo and the Canadian Ambassador Jack Whittleton inaugurated the Yogyakarta Animal Disease Investigation Centre (DIC) in central Java. The inauguration was attended by representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture and the provincial government, the directors of all DICs in Indonesia, and representatives from the livestock industry.

The DIC in Yogyakarta represents the culmination of the collaborative efforts of Indonesia and Canada since May 1984. The Government of Indonesia has contributed approximately \$2 million for the land, construction of administrative buildings and housing for the staff, as well as operating and maintenance costs. Canada provided a contribution of approximately \$9 million to cover the cost of the construction and equipment of the laboratory, training of the DIC staff in Indonesia and Canada, and the provision of long and short-term technical assistance.

Livestock production is becoming increasingly important in the Indonesian agriculture industry, as a source of protein for the rising Indonesian population, 70% of which live in Java.

The DIC is a focal point in Java and



Madura for the surveillance and prevention of animal disease under the direction of the Directorate General of Livestock Services in the Ministry of Agriculture. It will thus contribute to improving the collection, dissemination and general exchange of information on livestock diseases and their control, in coordination with provincial livestock services and livestock owners.

Minister Wardoyo in discussion with Dr William Nagge and Mrs Nagge. Dr Nagge was the project manager until December 1988, under contract with the Ontario Ministry for Food and Agriculture, the Canadian executing agency for the project