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Mr Mochtar (left) and Mr Whittleton after the signing ceremony in Jakarta.

Irrigation Project in Central Sulawesi

As a part of its development cooperation program in Indonesia, Canada will provide a grant of \$10 million over four years for an irrigation development project in the Dolago-Torue area in Central Sulawesi. This is in accordance with a memorandum of understanding signed by the Canadian Ambassador to Indonesia, H.E. Jack Whittleton, and Indonesia's Minister of Public Works, Ir. Radinal Mochtar.

The new project is also a strong indication of Canada's responsiveness to Indonesia's current need to maintain investment in agricultural production.

The project is designed to provide irrigation of a rice field with a total area of 4,600 hectares, which will in turn increase the production of rice by 30,000 tons annually. The local populations — about 6,000 in Dolago and 10,000 in Torue — are expected to benefit through greater food security and improved living standards.

INDONESIAN MINISTER VISITS CANADA

Indonesia's Minister for Research and Technology, Prof. Dr Eng. B.J. Habibie, visited Canada on 16-22 September. He travelled to Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal as a guest of the Honourable Frank Oberle, P.C., M.P., Canada's Minister of State for Science and Technology.

Dr Habibie's visit gave the two Ministers the opportunity to exchange views on the respective roles of government in Canada and Indonesia in the promotion of science and technological applications. He also had a discussion with Canada's Minister of Communications, the Honourable Flora MacDonald.

Dr Habibie toured a number of Canadian facilities which demonstrated advanced technologies, and met with representatives of several companies which are interested in cooperating with Indonesia in its economic development. He also addressed several audiences — in particular a group of senior Canadian corporated leaders gathered in Ottawa — about Indonesia's developing high technology industries.

Community-based Economic Development

A joint workshop in community-based economic development was held in Solo, Central Java, on October 18-27, 1988. Its purpose: to encourage contacts between Canadian and Indonesian NGO communities with the hope of identifying a number of long-term programming activities.

Representatives of 13 Canadian NGOs and 20 Indonesian NGOs met to share their experiences and discuss the possibility of cooperating on development initiatives. Topics for discussion included appropriate technology, women in development, environmental issues and rural employment creation. The results of the workshop should be of interest to all development workers interested in the encouragement of partnerships between Canadian and Asian institutions in ASEAN.