

## Gold Maple Leaf Coins Launched In Style

The world's most popular gold coin, Canada's Gold Maple Leaf, was officially introduced to Singapore in a ceremony which took place on June 26. The 9999 fine 24-karat gold bullion investment coin is now available through branches of nine major banks in Singapore. Mr. Jack Julien, Director of Bullion Products and Refinery Sales for the Royal Canadian Mint, which produces the coin, stated at the launch ceremony "The Mint, which has 65 per cent of the world's gold bullion coin market, is bringing the Gold Maple Leaf to Singapore on a permanent basis." The expansion to Singapore comes after a successful expansion into Hong Kong last September.

At the launch ceremony, Mr. Robert Huot, Vice-President, Marketing for the Royal Canadian Mint, noted that the 9999 fineness of the Gold Maple Leaf conforms strongly to the beliefs traditionally held in Asia that pure gold brings good fortune and it a symbol of wealth and eternity. The Gold Maple Leaf contains only pure gold that has been mined in Canada and it does not contain any base metal such as copper. It is the only bullion coin with a 9999 fineness.

The Gold Maple Leaf coin has been available in three denominations, one ounce, 1/4 ounce, and 1/10 ounce. A new 1/2 ounce coin has recently been introduced to attract retail investors and gold collectors who do not wish to invest more than



*The Gold Maple Leaf – both legal tender and a good investment.*

a few hundred dollars. Each of the coins features the Canadian maple leaf on the reverse, while the obverse depicts an effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The coins are legal tender and have international liquidity meaning that they can be bought or sold anywhere that gold is traded.

Since the introduction of the Gold Maple Leaf in 1979, the coin has become

popular world-wide. Last year, the Mint sold over 1.88 million ounces, an 80 per cent increase over 1984 and this was at a time when the world market for gold investment coins has shrunk. With its expansion into Hong Kong and now Singapore, the Mint is confident that 1986 will be the best year yet for the Gold Maple Leaf and for investors around the world.

## Odyssey '86

Odyssey 86 is the flight of a Canadian DC3 Aircraft around the world to visit 28 countries to promote Expo '86 and to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Douglas DC3 Aircraft.

The Aircraft's Odyssey began on June 7 with an inaugural flight from Kelowna, British Columbia to Oakland, California. It has since visited a number of Pacific Islands, Australia and Indonesia before touching down in Manila on July 1 to a fanfare from the brass band of Philippines Ministry of Tourism. Other senior government representatives and officials from the travel industry who welcomed the Aircraft and its 9 member crew included Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions President Mina Gabor.

The Aircraft's crew includes Ken Olson, Captain; Barry Lepoint, Bill Gilles and Bob Blanchard, Pilots; Doug Andrews, Pilot/Navigator; Dale McNarland, Flight Engineer; Jim O'Toole, Flight Doctor; Doreen Olson, Crew Coordinator; David Kiez, Photographer.

During the welcome ceremonies at the



*Bringing greetings from Canada to Singapore.*

Manila International Airport, Captain Olson exchanged flags with Trade and Industry Minister Conception and formally presented the Minister with the invitation from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and Premier Bennett for the

People of the Philippines to visit Expo '86. After the turnover, the guests were encouraged to autograph the exterior of the plane and were invited inside to tour the craft. Odyssey left Manila July 3 for Singapore, Bangkok, and Brunei.