

5. A \$485,000 contract by the Canadian Government to Shawinigan Integ of Vancouver to provide a feasibility study for a pumped storage hydro project at Nam Chern, which could potentially provide an important installed capacity at low incremental cost.

\$17 million in loans were also announced. These include a \$12 million loan from the Export Development Corporation and a \$5 million loan from the Canadian International Development Agency to be provided as a line of credit over the next three years to the Siam Commercial Bank. This will assist Thai private sector firms and government-controlled corporations to purchase Canadian goods and services.

Mr. Kelleher provided on behalf of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) a cheque in the amount of \$525,000 to Professor Alastair North, President of the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), as part of Canada's commitment to the AIT's broad based human settlements program. Under this Cdn \$3.8 million project, CIDA provides scholarships for a total of 120 Asian students during the 1983-86 period. It also provides faculty support, research, and short-term training support to programs offered by the Human Settlements Division, and the Divisions of Energy, Agriculture, Food Engineering, and Water Resource Engineering.

In addition, Mr. Kelleher announced that the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, in conjunction with the Industrial Finance Corporation of Thailand and the Board of Investment, will convene an investment seminar in Thailand in the fall of 1986.

He also said that under the Asia Pacific component of the National Trade Strategy three market studies in agro-food processing, telecommunications, and defence products which will be completed by March 31, 1986. Completion of these studies will provide Canadian companies with current market information to assist in the sale of their products in these sectors.