Canada and Indonesia have a remarkable number of similarities. We are both peopled by races of diverse cultures. We both have the benefits and challenges of large land masses with a bounty of natural resources. At the same time, we are separated by diverse historical origins, cultural differences, and the expanse of a very large -- but ever shrinking -- Pacific Ocean. The challenge for both of us is to expand the good will and linkages that now exist.

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These bonds are being enhanced in many ways. At the Government level, for example, Canada is a major contri-Indonesia's development butor to assistance program. There are Canadians working throughout Indonesia, from North Sumatra to Irian Jaya. They are involved in a variety of development projects, from water resource management to road construction, from hydroelectric power to regional development, from support to environment centres to vocational and research in animal training In each instance. diseases. we provide the best that Canada can offer, whether in technical assistance and consulting services, or in Canadian goods to help Indonesia achieve its development goals.

For example, we are at the point of concluding a \$30 million loan to provide Canadian potash in support of Indonesian agricultural development. Since last summer, projects totalling more than \$12 million in grant funds have been approved for human resource development, most of which will enable Indonesians to study in Canada.

In a few minutes, I will have the pleasure of presenting scholarships

for degree studies in Canada to the first group of ten trainees from one of those projects. We have approved a grant of three million dollars to the Open University of Indonesia for staff training in Canada, and for technical assistance and advice from the Open Learning Institute of British Columbia, which is world renowned in the field of long distance training.

Another example is the Canada World Youth Program, funded by our Development Assistance Program. This annual exchange program sends 40 young Canadians to Indonesia for up to three months, working on local development learning about the programs and equal number country. An of Indonesian youth spend a similar time period in Canada. In the 14 years the program has been underway, more than 1,200 young people have exchanged visits. This is a program that creates very strong bonds between us.

With respect to bilateral trade, Canada is one of your reliable suppliers of resource products. We send you wheat, lead, zinc, wood pulp, newsprint and basic chemicals. In return, we are a market for your rubber, tin, plywood, spices and textile products. But Canada also supplies Indonesia with locomotives, rail cars, aircraft and aircraft engines, power boilers (for example, at the Suralaya Power Station) and, recently, a nuclear-mechanical electronic laboratory for your peaceful use of the atom.

Accompanying me in Jakarta is a group of Canadian businessmen who are active in the Indonesian market. They represent a spectrum of expertise in areas of Canadian capabilities and competitiveness. I urge our Indonesian friends to get to know them and find out more about the goods and services they can provide.

As an indicator of their competitiveness, I shall be announcing