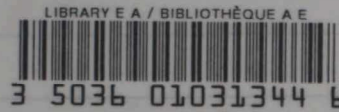


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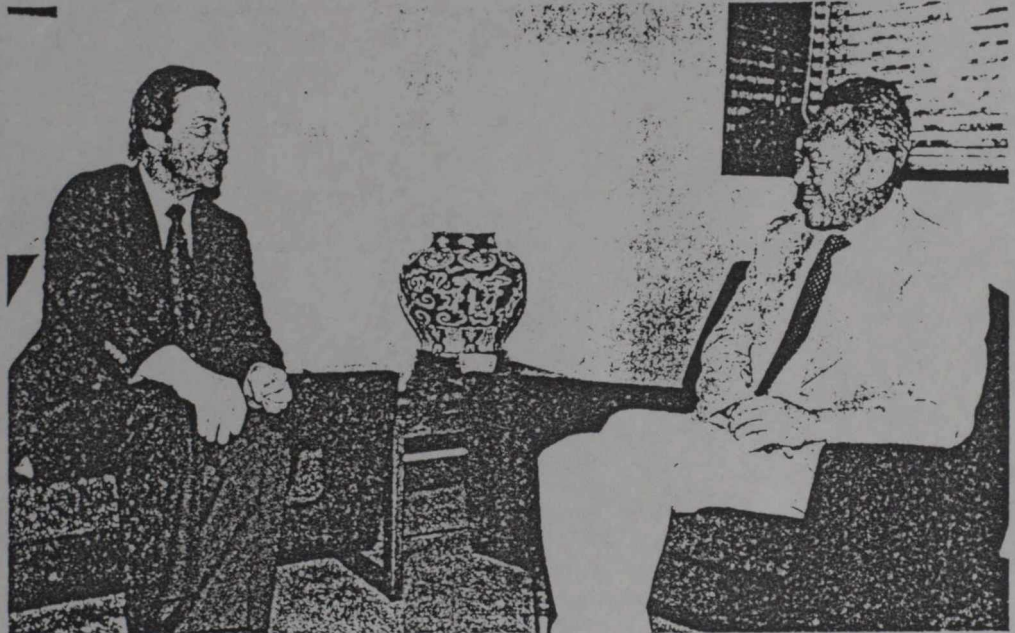
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Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew and Premier William Bennett of British Columbia discuss developments in the Pacific region during Premier Bennett's visit to ASEAN countries.

Pacific Province Premier Tours ASEAN

PREMIER William R. Bennett of British Columbia visited the ASEAN region for 12 days beginning February 13. Accompanying the Premier were the Minister for Industry and Small Business Development Don Phillips, and officials from the Premier's office and Mr. Phillips' ministry.

Situated on Canada's Pacific coast, the province of British Columbia has an economy based on a wealth of natural resources. Coal, oil and gas, hydroelectric power, forest products, mining, fishing, and agriculture have all played a significant role in the development of the province. Premier Bennett's visit to ASEAN was designed to increase a mutual awareness of trade and development opportunities between British Columbia and the region.

In Thailand the Premier met with Industry Minister Chatichai Choonhavan as well as senior government and banking officials. Discussions centred primarily on the mining and petroleum industries.

In both British Columbia and Thailand technology has been developed in the construction of undersea gas pipelines

and there appear to be many opportunities for technological exchange. It is anticipated that as part of this exchange further studies, including post-graduate training for Thai engineers, will be arranged in British Columbia.

To members of the Thai banking community Premier Bennett pointed out that British Columbia has led North America in the rate of economic growth during the past two years and therefore offers excellent potential for co-operation with the fast growing economies of ASEAN.

During Premier Bennett's three-day visit to Indonesia he met Vice President Adam Malik, and Piet Haryono, the President of Pertamina, as well as the Ministers for Mines and Energy, Environment and Development, and Trade and Co-operatives.

There are many similarities between Canada and Indonesia in that they are both major exporters of natural resources — particularly petroleum, nickel, coal, and forest products. Interest was shown by Indonesia in British Columbia's forest management procedures and an invitation