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FOR FOUR PROJECTS IN THAILAND

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, today signed agreements implementing four development projects with the Royal Thai Government. Mr. Clark is on an official visit in Thailand from July 9-11.

The Memoranda of Understanding deal with four projects to help develop sectors of priority in Thailand's Sixth Five-year Plan and to help plan the Seventh. The sectors are industrialization, energy policy formulation, the environment and overall government policy research.

The first project, worth \$13 million, is part of a Canadian program of assistance to develop small-scale industries in Northeast Thailand. It will help strengthen the capacity of Thailand's Department of Industrial Promotion to provide advisory services, technical training and credit to small industries with less than 100 employees.

The project will also foster links between the Canadian and Thai private sector associations. Over a five-year period, approximately forty Thais will receive training in the field of advisory services and loan assessment. The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) will disburse \$11.9 million to the Thai government's Department of Industrial Promotion and Thailand will contribute \$1.15 million.

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