

Malaysia imports management expertise

Recognizing Malaysia's difficulty in disposing of increasing amounts of rubbish and industrial waste, two Canadian experts introduced Malaysian policy-makers to a software package which aids in waste management planning.

Joe Whitney of the University of Toronto and Michael Jones of Essa Ltd., Toronto, were in Malaysia attending a five-day workshop to review the issue of waste management in the country and to identify areas where research should be conducted to relieve the situation, a result of Malaysia's rapid urbanization and industrialization.

Developed by Professor Whitney and Mr. Jones, the program is called the "*Toronto Solid Waste Management Simulation Model*". Designed to run on an IBM personal computer, the software assisted the 30 workshop participants to develop a Malaysian model.

Like the Toronto model, the Kuala Lumpur version is meant for long-range planning purposes. It is not designed to assist in the day-to-day running of garbage disposal operations.

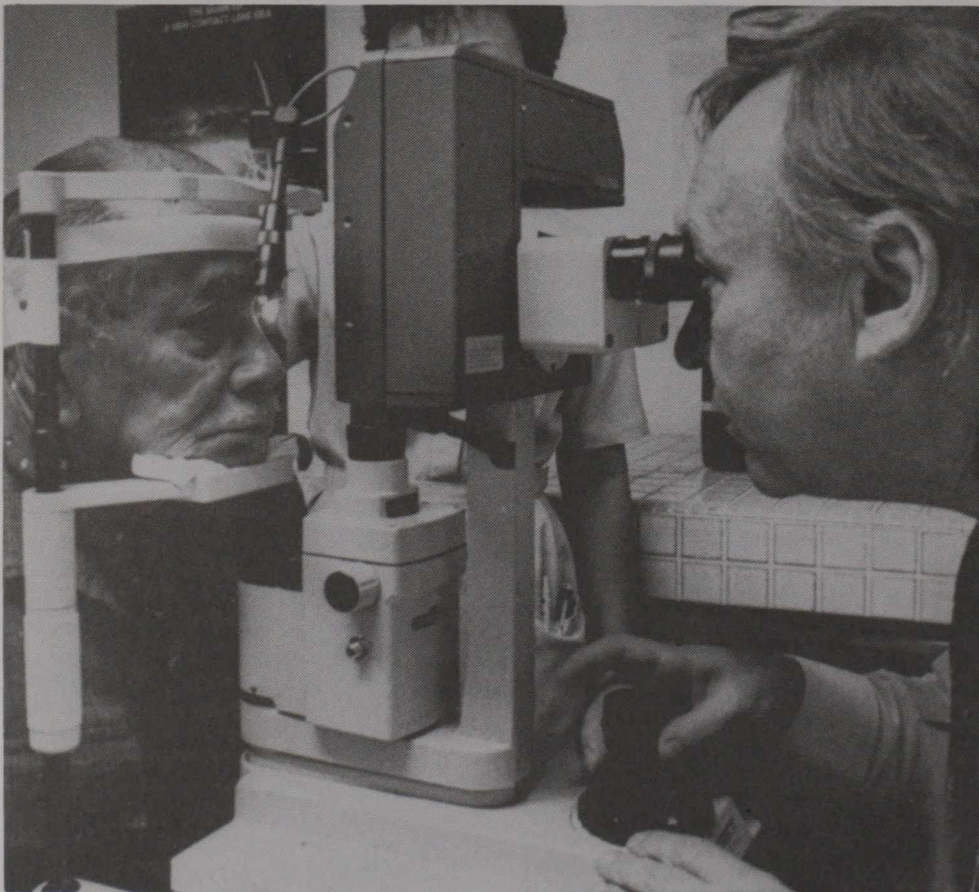
The model allows planners to simulate the financial and environmental consequences of different waste management



Toronto is renowned for its cleanliness.

planning scenarios. In doing so, it assists policy-makers and planners to arrive at an overall evaluation of the costs and benefits of any management decision. The model will also help waste managers in producing more accurate predictions of the amount and composition of solid waste generated in the future.

As follow-up, a team of Malaysian researchers headed by Dr. Low Kwai Sim of the University of Malaya are exploring, with Prof. Whitney and Mr. Jones, the possibilities of a collaborative research project to develop a waste management simulation model which can be used by various municipalities.



Tunku Abdul Rahman being treated by Dr. Mortimer.

Canadian improves Tunku's sight

Malaysia's first Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman's failing eyesight has been improved by a visiting Canadian ophthalmologist.

After two 10-minute painless treatments by Dr. Clive Mortimer, the Tunku was pleased to be able to read the newspaper again without his glasses.

The YAG (ytterium aluminium garnet) laser treatment used on the Tunku is a technique pioneered by Dr. Mortimer, the Chairman of the Ophthalmology Department of the University of Toronto.

The operation was carried out at Kuala Lumpur's Tun Hussein Onn Eye Hospital where Dr. Mortimer has been lecturing on his new techniques.

As a result of Dr. Mortimer's successful visit, efforts are now under way to bring more Canadian medical professors to Malaysia for lectures.