

### Canadian Connections with ASEAN Countries

#### INDONESIA

The **Minister of Agriculture** of the Republic of Indonesia, Professor Soedarsono Hadisapoetro, visited Canada from September 13 - 18 as the guest of his Canadian counterpart, Mr. Eugene Whelan, who visited Indonesia in September, 1980.

Professor Soedarsono was accompanied by Indonesia's Director General for Fisheries Imam Sardjono, Director General for Animal Husbandry Professor J.H. Hutasoit, the Bureau Chief for Foreign Co-operation Dr. Alhambra Rachman, his bureau colleague Mr. Ilendro Suwarno, and Mr. Lukito Darjadi from the Directorate General for Forestry.

The Indonesian delegation reviewed agricultural operations and research facilities across Canada, starting in the highly productive farming lands of southern Ontario with a tour led by Mr. Whelan of his home area, Windsor. It took in Agriculture Canada's station for horticultural and greenhouse research, the new Windsor grain terminal, an adjoining soybean crushing plant, and tomato-canning operations.

Moving on to Ottawa, the Indonesians visited the Central Canada Experimental Farm and the forestry nursery of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

Prof. Hutasoit paid a separate visit to Ontario's largest egg production unit, which includes a grading station and a breaking plant that processes eggs for manufacturing use.

Westward, in the Province of Alberta, the Indonesian delegation saw a beef feedlot where more than 20,000 head of cattle were being fattened for slaughter, toured a meat packing plant where beef carcasses are pre-cut and vacuum wrapped in plastic for shipment as boxed beef, and witnessed experiments with irrigation and deep plowing of solonetz soils.

The Indonesian's schedule also included many meetings. Prof. Soedarsono spoke with the deputy ministers of Environment, and Fisheries and Oceans, while Imam Sardjono held discussions with the International Development Research Centre's president Ivan Head. Dr. Rachman talked with officials of the Canadian International Development Agency and with Jennifer McQueen, director general of the International Affairs Directorate of Agriculture Canada, regarding funding for dryland farming research and animal health programs in Indonesia.

The delegation's visit and the discussions held during the week reflect the growing level of co-operation between Indonesia and Canada in agricultural

development. Mr. Whelan congratulated his guests on Indonesia's success in increasing food production and noted that he and Prof. Soedarsono shared the belief that the solution to the problem of world food shortages was the development of more productive agriculture industries in the developing countries. He also called for increased trade in food and agricultural commodities between Canada and Indonesia.

The Indonesian Minister said there were opportunities for Canadian investment in his country, where modernization of the farm industry was so important. He hoped ties between the two countries could be strengthened so that Indonesia could benefit from Canada's advanced agricultural technology.

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The Indonesian **Foreign Minister** Dr. Mochtar Kusumaatmadja paid an official visit to Ottawa October 15-16 at the invitation of Dr. Mark MacGuigan, the Secretary of State for External Affairs. During meetings with Dr. MacGuigan and Mr. Marcel Masse, the President of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Dr. Mochtar expressed his gratitude and that of his government for almost \$120 million of development assistance which Canada has committed to Indonesia during the past two years. He said such assistance would, in time, help Indonesia become a more viable trading partner and create a more propitious market for Canadian goods and services. The two foreign ministers also discussed the Law of the Sea negotiations and Dr. Mochtar noted that there were no two countries which had co-operated so closely during the deliberations on this important international issue.

Dr. Mochtar also attended a session of the daily question period in the Canadian House of Commons and called on the Speaker of the House, The Honourable Jeanne Sauvé.

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Canada's **Minister of State for Mines**, Judy Erola, accompanied by Senior Assistant Deputy Minister (Mines) Charles H. Smith and Acting Assistant Deputy Minister (Mineral Policy) Robert D. Hutchinson, spent three days in Indonesia between September 4 - 7.

Minister Erola and her party visited the nickel operations of P.T. Inco Indonesia in Soroako, Sulawesi. With the kind assistance of P.T. Inco's President Jim Guiry and other officials of Inco, Mrs. Erola was able to become better acquainted with the technical, economic and social issues involved with mining nickel in laterite formations in a tropical environment.

During a reception held in her honour at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guiry, Minister Erola had the opportunity of meeting



*Canada's Minister of Agriculture Eugene Whelan (1) down on the farm with his visiting Indonesian counterpart Professor Soedarsono Hadisapoetro (far right).*