

has treaties in effect with Mexico, Peru and the United States.

Under the terms of the latest agreement, a prisoner may be repatriated after serving a prescribed minimum amount of time stipulated by the country where he committed the crime. The prisoner himself will have to initiate the request for repatriation and both Canada and Thailand will have to be agreeable to the request.

Persons convicted in Thailand of offences against members of the Monarchy, against the internal or external security of the state, or against legislation protecting national art treasures will not be eligible under the proposed treaty.

Currently, there are seven Canadians serving prison sentences in Thailand and one Thai in Canada.

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The State Railways of Thailand recently signed a \$3-million contract for a **Canadian-Thai joint venture** to design and supervise the construction of a new container freight station at the Phaholyothin Freight Terminal in Bangkok.

The Canadian companies involved are CANAC Consultants Ltd., which is the international consulting division of Canadian National Railways, and Swan Wooster Engineering Co. Ltd., a major Canadian engineering firm. The Thai partner in the project is Thai Professional Engineering Consultants Co. Ltd., a well-known Bangkok engineering company.

The design phase of the container terminal is expected to take six months to complete and the \$65-million construction phase will take another 26 months.

The facility, to be known as Bang Sue Container Freight Station, will be designed mainly to handle containers arriving on "unit trains" from the new Sattahip deep-sea port, located on the

Gulf of Thailand approximately 170 kilometres southeast of Bangkok, and a portion of the bonded container traffic from the present facilities at Bangkok port.

The project will have container packing and unpacking buildings, bonded warehouses, container storage areas, a container repair facility, an equipment maintenance building, several railway tracks, as well as new roads to link up to the major highways in the area of the Phaholyothin Freight Terminal.

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The **LANDSAT satellite station** at Lat Krabang, just outside Bangkok, which was opened recently by Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, is the only one of its kind in Southeast Asia. It employs the world's most modern and sophisticated equipment, the bulk of which was supplied by MacDonald, Dettwiler and Associates Limited of British Columbia, Canada, which won the \$7-million contract against strong international competition from Europe, America, and Japan.

Data gathered by the station will provide information on land use in order to determine suitable crop activities, and predictions on drought and flood conditions. Satellite information will be used to identify mineral and petroleum deposits, measure forestry and fisheries resources, and monitor and predict weather patterns. Also, it can be applied in fields such as environmental conservation, studies of urban and industrial growth, and transportation mapping. The area covered by the satellite for data purposes will include almost all of Southeast Asia and as far west as India.

Over the next several years the station will be continually expanded and



HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn inaugurates Thailand's LANDSAT station.

upgraded and it is expected that Canadian technology and equipment will continue to play a prominent role. Canada is recognized as exercising world leadership in the sophisticated technology related to the systematic exploration, analysis and management of natural resources.

The LANDSAT satellite station project is a concrete manifestation of Canadian-Thai co-operation as equal partners in the development of technology in the interests of the Thai people.

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State Railways of Thailand Governor Banyong Saralamba and Canadian Ambassador Fred Bild sign a joint-venture contract for the construction of a new container freight station in Bangkok.

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