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## Petro-Canada International to Aid Third World in Energy Development

CANADIAN Energy Minister Marc Lalonde was a keynote speaker at the ASEAN Council on Petroleum (ASCOPE) conference held in Manila from October 7–9. The theme of his speech was Canada-ASEAN co-operation in the field of energy, and the role of Petro-Canada International in assisting developing countries to become more energy self-reliant.

Mr. Lalonde noted that the world's energy future was of concern to all of mankind because all countries were consuming more energy at the same time as easily accessible supplies of that energy were rapidly dwindling. A good example of the international co-ordination necessary to contend with this problem was in ASEAN, where the level of co-operation in establishing a framework to assist member states suffering from shortfalls in oil imports had been

impressive. Canada had just entered into a co-operation agreement with ASEAN (see story p. 3) and Canadians had a particular interest in energy activities with ASEAN.

Mr. Lalonde recalled that Canadian policies on energy were reiterated at the United Nations Conference on New and Renewable Energy Resources, which was held in Nairobi in August. Canada believed that only through effective national planning could the specific energy needs of various countries be adequately taken into account. At the same time, enhanced international coordination and co-operation was absolutely necessary. It was the Canadian view that one of the best ways Canada could contribute to a more stable world energy balance was to work towards self-sufficiency within Canada and, in so



Canada's Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Marc Lalonde (1) visited the Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. (AECL) display booth in the exhibition associated with the ASCOPE conference in Manila and spoke with company representatives Mr. W. R. Thomas and Mr. K. Cooke, and a pretty ASCOPE staffer.