

Mr. MacEachen to Bangkok ASEAN meeting and S. Asian countries

Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs Allan J. MacEachen, will attend the annual Post-Ministerial Meeting of ASEAN Foreign Ministers with Dialogue Partners in Bangkok on June 27 and 28.

ASEAN, which came into existence as a regional organization in 1967, comprises Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. The Association has established formal relations or "dialogues" with six partners (Australia, Canada, the European Community, Japan, New Zealand and the United States). This annual meeting comprises a series of individual and collective meetings between the five ASEAN foreign ministers and their six counterparts representing the dialogue partners.

The importance of ASEAN to Canada

was recently underlined by the visit to the region of the Prime Minister in January. The ASEAN countries, with their high rates of economic growth, offer opportunities for increased trade and economic co-operation with Canada. They are also making a significant contribution to regional peace and stability, playing a key role in the search for a peaceful settlement to the problem of Cambodia since 1979 when Vietnamese troops invaded and occupied the country. Canada has supported ASEAN initiatives on Cambodia and provided assistance for the relief and resettlement of Indochina refugees arriving in ASEAN countries.

While the problem of Vietnam's continuing occupation of Cambodia is expected to be a major topic of discussion at the Bangkok meetings, other important

international and regional issues, both political and economic, will be discussed. The ministerial level political discussions will also provide an opportunity for Canada and ASEAN to review their economic co-operation as a follow-up to the recent inaugural meeting among officials of the Canada-ASEAN Joint Co-operation Committee which Mr. MacEachen opened in Ottawa on April 26.

South Asian countries

From Bangkok, Mr. MacEachen will visit three South Asian countries, where he will have an opportunity for consultations on a variety of bilateral and multilateral issues. He will be in Sri Lanka from June 29 - July 3, India from July 3-6 and Pakistan from July 6-8.

In Sri Lanka, he will attend ceremonies marking the completion of Canada's largest single aid project in Asia, the Maduru Oya dam and reservoir complex.

Major facelift for Vancouver harbourfront development

Canada Place, the \$137 million Vancouver waterfront development that will include the Canadian pavilion at Expo 86, is expected to draw visitors from all over the world.

Canada Place is to be opened as part of two major celebrations — Expo 86 and Vancouver's centenary. But the impact of the federally funded project will reach far beyond 1986.

The development, to be constructed between 1983 and 1986, will include in addition to the Canadian pavilion, a cruise ship terminal, a hotel and an international trade centre (both to be financed by the private sector), a public plaza and other amenities. The Canadian pavilion, following Expo 86, will become Vancouver's trade and convention centre.

The centre, with 25 meeting rooms, exhibition space of 16 598 square metres, and banquet accommodation for more than 5 000 people, will allow Vancouver to compete for major international conventions and trade exhibitions.

Public place

In addition, Canada Place will open the waterfront areas to the public for the first time in decades with a large plaza, two promenade levels with view areas, a

series of restaurants and shops, an outdoor entertainment area and an IMAX theatre. It is expected to become as active and colourful as San Francisco's Fisherman's Wharf.

The striking design of Canada Place is the product of a joint venture team of three firms of architects: Musson Cattell and Partners and Downs-Archambault, Vancouver and Zeidler Roberts Partnership, Toronto. Based on a marine theme, its shape suggests a prow thrusting into Burrard Inlet, a roofline of sails catching the wind and the superstructure of an

Expo 86 update

Spain has become the sixteenth nation to participate in the 1986 World Exposition on Transportation and Related Communications — Expo 86 — to be held in Vancouver from May 2 to October 13. The 15 other flags now flying at Expo headquarters are those of Britain, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Kenya, Senegal, Dominica, St. Vincent, Montserrat, United States, Peru, Indonesia, Australia, France, the Ivory Coast, and the host nation, Canada.



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