



Canadian Ambassador L.A.H. Smith presenting a cheque to Dr Krasae Chanawongse, Director of the ASEAN Training Centre for Primary Health Care Development. Looking on is Jeannette Adair, ASEAN-Canada Fund Coordinator

ASEAN-Canada Fund Activities in Brief

The ASEAN-Canada Fund supports a wide range of activities. The recent projects sponsored by the Fund included the following:

- As part of its ongoing training program, the ASEAN Training Centre for Primary Health Care Development (Thailand) developed a series of training modules designed to provide mid-level management training for project officers working in the primary health care field.

- The Bangkok regional office of Disabled People's International held a well-attended leadership training seminar entitled "Equalization of Opportunities". Training workshops addressed a diverse range of issues, including increasing disabled women's participation in society, and developing strategic and operational plans which would contribute towards policy changes which are sensitive to the needs of the regional disabled community.

- Asian experts in children's issues, including their rights, education, nutrition and health, came together to attend a symposium organized by the Foundation for Children of Thailand. After reviewing the present situation in Asian countries and field trips to innovative FFC project sites, participants worked together to develop a plan outlining new directions and program possibilities.

- The Philippine-based Agricultural Economics Society South-East Asia (AESSEA) met to discuss strategies for increased regional cooperation and for rural industrialization. In a 10-point resolution, AESSEA urged member countries to promote agro-industrial integration while formulating policies to attract foreign investment into the agro-based sectors through favourable pricing regimes, tax and fiscal incentives, rural infrastructures and other basic support facilities.

Warm Welcome for Canadian Ambassador in Southeast Sulawesi

H.E. Jack Whittleton, Canadian Ambassador to Indonesia, visited Southeast Sulawesi on December 9-13, 1988. The purpose of his visit was to learn more about the province and about CIDA's development activities there.

Southeast Sulawesi is an underdeveloped, sparsely populated (1.25 million) province. The population relies mostly on subsistence agriculture. However, efforts are being made to introduce cash crops such as cocoa into the province, as well as to develop the fisheries.

CIDA has had continuous involvement in the development of the province since 1974, when it carried out the first Eastern Indonesia Regional Development Study.

Currently, Canadian involvement in the province is primarily focussed on the Sulawesi Regional Development Project (SRDP), which features rural integrated area development and technical assistance to regional planning. The SRDP, which is implemented by the University of Guelph and the Indonesian Government commenced operations in 1984 in both South and Southeast Sulawesi provinces. The project is funded by a CIDA contribution of \$21 million, which is matched by approximately the same amount of development funds from the Government of Indonesia. In 1989, the project will be extended into a second five-year phase, which will also include activities in the North and Central Sulawesi provinces.

During his visit, Ambassador Whittleton was accompanied by Provincial Governor Ir. H. Alala, the speaker of the Provincial House of Representatives and several other high-ranking provincial officials.

Wherever he went, the Ambassador was warmly welcomed by villagers and schoolchildren waving homemade Indonesian and Canadian flags. This unique welcome reflected the special relationship Canada has developed with this part of Indonesia over the years.

