

## Canada And Malaysia Sign New Agreement

A General Agreement on Development Co-operation (GADC) between the Governments of Malaysia and Canada was signed in May this year by the Chief Secretary to the Government of Malaysia and Canadian High Commissioner von Nostitz on behalf of their governments.

Initiating a new era of expanded development co-operation between the two countries, the umbrella agreement has the status of an international treaty. It establishes a general framework for subsequent allocations by specifying the respective responsibilities of Canada and Malaysia in the implementing of future development projects.

The revamped Canadian development co-operation program in Malaysia involves soft loan financing under a Line of Credit for Canadian goods and services employed in public sector development projects and official grant support for technical and cooperation projects in Human and Natural Resources Development.

On the Human Resources side, the Malaysian and Canadian governments have established several mechanisms geared towards providing Malaysia an adequately skilled and experienced human resource base. These are expected to assist in smoothing the transition of the Malaysia economy from a commodity-based primary economy to a industrial one with increased emphasis in secondary manufacturing and services. In Natural Resources Development, a project is being formulated which is designed to contribute to the attainment of the National Agricultural Policy objective of maximizing income through more efficient agriculture production.



*Malaysian Prime Minister Dr Mahathir and Technology Minister Stephen Yong with Canadian High Commissioner von Nostitz attend Canadian Science Circus.*

## First Science And Technology Week

Canada was front and centre at the First ASEAN Science and Technology Week owing to the presence of the Canada Science Circus which the Malaysian Government brought to Kuala Lumpur for a one-month run from April 24 to May 25, 1986. Over 84,000 Malaysians

flocked to purchase tickets and see the show which was so popular that some potential visitors had to be turned away. The exhibits, totalling 43, ranged from a reaction tester to a voice synthesizer to a demonstration of cryogenics. The Circus was opened by PM Mahathir, who had visited the Ontario Science Centre in January 1984.

The last exhibit at the Circus, entitled "What Do You Think?" elicited an assortment of reactions from many of the 59,000 children in attendance. "It was a tremendous hair-raising experience," commented one, in evident reference to the electro-statics exhibit. "Einstein would have loved this!" remarked one, and another child concluded that "I want to be a scientist." Another wished "that my Science teacher could have seen this," adding "I know we all would have been scientists then." One young Malaysian summed up the experience with, "I hope you will be back soon. How about next month?"

The Circus, and Canada's participation in the ASEAN Science Week Conference and Exhibition, were successful in portraying to Malaysian and ASEAN audiences Canada's scientific and technological expertise and sophistication. A major objective of the Science Week was to encourage meaningful transfer of technology exchanges between Canada and the ASEAN member states in a number of scientific sectors which have become increasingly important to the economic futures of ASEAN and Canada. Canadian companies renowned for their state of the art technologies taking part in the exhibition and seminar were Northern Telecom, Lavalin, Digim, Intera Technologies and MDA Instruments.

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Memoranda of Understanding covering Canadian grant contributions for the Human Resource Planning Project and the training of skilled manpower under the Second Industrial Training Project were signed in December, 1985.



*High Commissioner von Nostitz (left) and Chief Secretary to the Government Y B Tan Sri Sallehuddin signing the General Agreement on Development Co-operation.*