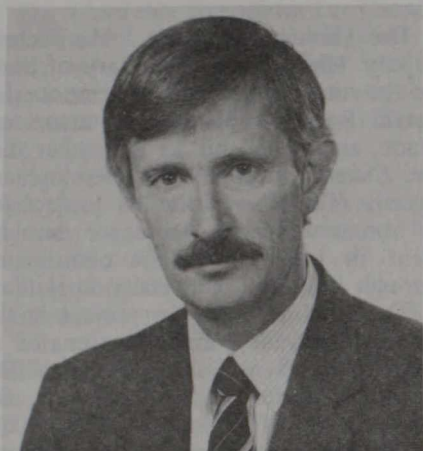


INDONESIA

New Ambassador Takes up Appointment in Jakarta



Mr. Maldwyn Thomas, Canada's new Ambassador to Indonesia, presented his credentials to President Suharto on October 22, at the Bina Graha Palace in Jakarta.

Mr. Thomas, a native of Vancouver, British Columbia, was born on November 2, 1932. He received a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from the University of British Columbia and studied Economic and Political Geography at the University in Oslo, Norway.

Mr. Thomas joined the Canadian Trade Commissioner Service in 1956 and began his career as Vice-Consul in Hamburg in 1957. Subsequent overseas assignments have taken him to Stockholm, Hong Kong, Moscow, Vienna, Tokyo, Paris and Dusseldorf.

He also was Chief of the Office of Trade Relations with Europe at Headquarters in 1966 and more recently General Director of the Pacific, Asia and African Bureau.

Mr. Thomas brings a long and diverse geographical experience to his new position, coupled with a background in economic and commercial matters.

Concessional Loan Permits Potash Sales

Contracts were signed for the supply and delivery to Indonesia of 125,000 metric tons of potash from Canada, to be financed under a \$15 million Canadian concessional loan. The contracts were signed between the Indonesian purchasing agents P.T. Tjipta Niaga and P.T. Pantja Niaga and the Canadian supplier CANPOTEX and its national agent P.T. Bitaragana. Signing on behalf of P.T. Tjipta Niaga was Ir. Sanedi, on behalf of P.T. Pantja Niaga, R. Soedarno; and on behalf of CANPOTEX Mr. R.J. Ford and on behalf of P.T. Bitaragana Ir. A.P. Kustarjo.

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Visit of Ontario Minister of Industry and Trade

In his first trip abroad as Ontario's Minister of Industry and Trade, the Honourable Frank S. Miller led a trade mission of 8 companies to Indonesia from October 4 to 7, 1983.

The Minister met with his Indonesian counterparts, Ir. Hartarto, Minister of Industry, and Rachmat Saleh, Minister of Trade, as well as with Prof. Dr. Subroto, the Minister of Mines and Energy. In addition, Mr. Miller called on KADIN, the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce, to discuss greater cooperation between the private sectors of Indonesia and Ontario.

Mission members included Carvern Petrochemical Co. Ltd., Kenroc Tools Ltd., Leighton and Kidd Ltd., Powell Agri-Systems Ltd., Shaw Almex Industries, Stanton Pipes Ltd., as well as the Hudson's Bay Company and the Trade Exchange Group.

In the spirit of promoting bilateral trade, Ontario encouraged the latter two companies to join the mission and look at expanding Indonesian exports to Canada — Hudson's Bay explored the possibility of increasing the Indonesian

content in their department stores across Canada, and the Trade Exchange Group discussed counterpurchase opportunities with Indonesian trading houses.

Of particular note, Leighton and Kidd made presentations to the private sector and various government departments, including the Ministry of Education and the State Electric Utility, to elaborate on their video training programs. Discussions are now underway to look at the feasibility of transferring the video training technology to the Indonesian Government.

Stanton Pipes pursued their bid to provide iron ductile pipe for the East Java Water Supply project, at the same time exploring joint venture possibilities to manufacture the ductile pipe locally.

The mission is part of the Ontario Government's export promotion program aimed at introducing a growing number of Ontario companies to the market opportunities in Indonesia. The mission left Jakarta on October 7 for Manila to continue with the second stage of their swing through the Far East.



Minister of Mines and Energy, Prof. Dr. Subroto greeted Ontario Trade Minister, Mr. Frank Miller on October 6, 1983. Minister Miller headed a Canadian trade delegation which visited Indonesia.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mr. R. M. Sudarmo Martonagoro and the Ambassador of Canada Mr. Maldwyn Thomas signed a loan agreement on October 26 regarding the provision of the Canadian \$15 million concessional loan to Indonesia.

The loan, with terms of 0% interest, ten years grace period and fifty year repayment period, will be used to finance the purchase of approximately 120,000

metric tons of Canadian potash this fiscal year.

With the provision of this loan Canada is fulfilling its commitment made at the meeting of the Inter-Governmental Group for Indonesia last June to assist Indonesia overcome a short-term adverse balance of payments situation by providing quick disbursing programme funding. The full amount of the loan is expected to be disbursed by 31 March 1984.