

Canada provided aid to Vietnam during 1976 through a variety of multilateral channels, such as the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), and the International Red Cross. Under a program set up in 1975, Canada continued to provide humanitarian aid, in the form of food and medicine, to Vietnam and other countries in the region, at a total cost of \$16,750,000. A number of Canadian non-governmental organizations also received government support for assistance programs in Vietnam.

### **Thailand**

Canadian relations with Thailand remained active throughout 1976 and were not affected by the change of régime in Bangkok in October. While trade relations remained relatively small, a considerable number of Canadian businessmen visited Thailand during the year in the hope that that country would become a thriving market for Canadian goods. Canada continued to provide assistance to a number of national and international programs in Thailand, including support for regional organizations such as the Asian Institute of Technology. The central aim of Canadian bilateral aid to Thailand during 1976 was to assist the Thai Government in its rural development projects.

### **Burma**

Canada's relations with Burma, for which the Embassy in Bangkok is responsible, include a broad development-assistance program. Canada contributed to development projects in the forestry, agriculture, transportation and minerals sectors. The aim of the assistance program is to help mobilize the Burmese economy to exploit its natural-resource potential with disbursements totalling in 1976 approximately \$5 million.

### **Laos and Kampuchea**

Canada's relations with Laos are conducted through the Canadian Embassy in Bangkok and the Canadian Ambassador to Thailand is accredited to the Government in Vientiane. Canada contributed assistance to Laos through support for a variety of international organizations and programs. Although Canada recognizes the Government of Kampuchea (formerly Cambodia), diplomatic relations have not yet been established.

### **Hong Kong**

During 1976, Hong Kong remained an important trading partner of Canada, both as a source of imports and investment capital and as a market for Canadian goods and services. During the first nine months of the year, Canadian imports from Hong Kong totalled \$206 million, while exports from Canada were \$36 million. Hong Kong remains an important source for immigrants and students coming to Canada.