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SPECIAL MINISTERIAL MEETING IN ALBERTA RE-AFFIRMS CANADA-ASEAN TIES

Meetings in Jasper highlight week of Canada-ASEAN activities

The Foreign Ministers of ASEAN, and Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, met in Calgary and Jasper on October 4-7, 1990. Mr Clark invited the Foreign Ministers to Alberta for a weekend of informal discussions with himself and other Canadian Ministers. Talks focused on a wide variety of complex regional and international issues, including the Multilateral Trade Negotiations, the environment, closer economic links between Canada and ASEAN, and Mr Clark's ideas on a Pacific security dialogue.

Ministers were unanimous in their view that the weekend was extreme-

ly successful. The discussions in the spectacular surroundings of Jasper encouraged a candid and friendly exchange of views. A sense of adventure was introduced to the special Ministerial meetings on the afternoon of Friday, October 6, when an early Arctic front released over 10 centimeters of snow on the eastern slopes of the Canadian Rockies. This necessitated travel from Calgary to Jasper over the Banff-Jasper Icefield Parkway, rather than by chartered aircraft as originally planned.

The meetings in Jasper concluded a week-long program which focused the attention of Canadians on the growing ties between Canada and

ASEAN. The program began with the Canada-ASEAN Academic Roundtable at the University of Calgary on October 3-4. The roundtable brought together distinguished scholars from ASEAN and Canada. The academics examined several topics, including the evolving state of economic cooperation between Canada and ASEAN, and the international security environment. The keynote address, delivered by Dr Noordin Sopiee, Director-General of the Institute of Strategic and International Studies in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, was extremely well received by all

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From left: Mr Clark, HE Dato' Musa Hitam and Datin Zulaikha Bibi Sheardin; HE Raul Manglapus and Mrs Manglapus; and HE Wong Ken Seng

