



## Canada Contributes to ASEAN Symposium on Law of the Sea

"THAT the Law of the Sea is a very important subject matter for every nation can hardly be over emphasized. Indeed, too much is at stake." With this forceful statement Dr. Arun Panupong, Thai Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs began his opening address to the ASEAN region's first symposium on the Law of the Sea (LOS) in the 1980s.

The symposium, entitled "The New

national Development Research Centre (IDRC) through its Asian regional office in Singapore.

The 70 participants and observers in attendance from around the world rose to the challenge set by Dr. Arun with a stimulating exchange of views and information across a whole range of issues from living and non-living resources to management of the Exclusive Economic

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Notable among the participants in the ASEAN region's first symposium on the Law of the Sea held in Bangkok are (l-r) Prof. Douglas Johnston, Senator Arturo Tolentino, Dr. Edgar Gold, Dr. Mochtar Kusumaatmadja, Canadian Ambassador Fred Bild, and Dr. Arun Panupong.

Law of the Sea in Southeast Asia: Developmental Effects and Regional Approaches," was held in Bangkok from December 9-11, 1981 under the sponsorship of the Institute of Asian Studies of Chulalongkorn University in co-operation with Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Co-ordinators of the symposium were Dr. Phiphat Tangsubkul of Chulalongkorn University and Dr. Edgar Gold, Executive Director of Dalhousie's Ocean Studies Program. Funding for the conference was provided by the Canadian Inter-

Zones (EEZ) and consideration of approaches to development strategies in the region.

The symposium was the first attempt within ASEAN at a non-political level to examine the regional implications of the draft LOS convention and to identify areas of research that would reconcile the requirements of Southeast Asian countries.

Senior figures from throughout ASEAN participated, most notably Foreign Minister Mochtar Kusumaatmadja of Indonesia and Senator Arturo