

Cultural Evenings Held At Universities

Two cultural events were staged by the Canadian Embassy at Sam Ratulagi University in Manado and Hasaruddin University in Ujung Pandang, Indonesia. Both evenings consisted of a film program and a presentation of Canadian and university level text books. Films shown included "To Sense the Wonder", an award winning production about Canada's National Parks, and the widely acclaimed "A Prescription for Health", produced by the IDRC and dealing with sanitation techniques available to villages in developing countries.

The cultural evenings are designed to help familiarise the Indonesian academic community with Canada and to develop links with Indonesian institutions of higher learning. Similar events have already been held at four universities in Java.



Canadian Commercial Counsellor Robert Lee makes presentation at a Sulawesi University.

THAILAND

Telecommunications Technology Seminar

From May 22-24 a Telecommunications Technology Seminar took place at Bangkok's Hilton Hotel with the financial assistance of the Department of External Affairs.

The seminar was attended by more than 300 technical personnel from the Telephone Organization of Thailand, the Communications Authority of Thailand, Royal Thai Armed Forces, state enterprises, local banks and others. They were exposed to Canadian expertise in the field of telecommunications by over 40 Canadian businessmen representing 21 Canadian companies including Northern Telecom, SR Telecoms, Alberta Telecommunications International, Canadian

Marconi, Gandolf, and Bell Canada International to name a few. Officials from the Canadian Department of Communications also participated.

Highly technical in its content, the seminar featured talks on such diverse telecommunications systems as application of VHF Data Communications, Computerized Systems for Radio Spectrum, and Principles of Planning Rural Telecommunications Systems.

The seminar was officially opened by Thai Communications Minister Samak Sundaravej, and will lead to increased Canadian participation in Thai telecommunications development.



Seen here opening the Canadian Telecommunications Technology Seminar are from the left, Mr. John L. Paynter, Canadian Ambassador to Thailand; H.E. Samak Sundaravej, Thai Minister of Communications; and Mr. William Montgomery, Director General, Canadian Department of Communications.

Thai Academic Attends Canadian Studies Conference

Dr. Vibulpong Poonwirat, Professor of Political Science at Thammasat University, recently attended the Biennial Canadian Studies Conference in Montreal from June 4-7. His trip was sponsored by Air Canada, who very kindly provided Dr. Vibulpong with a return ticket Singapore-Montreal, and the Academic Relations Division of the Department of External Affairs in Ottawa.

Dr. Vibulpong travelled to Canada under the auspices of the Canadian Studies Program at Chulalongkorn University and hopes upon his return to help this small but dynamic program carry out its mandate to broaden and enrich the understanding of Canada by Thais.

During his visit to Canada, Dr. Vibulpong also had an opportunity to travel to Ottawa and Toronto to meet with Canadian academics and experts and learn more about Canadian Government and politics. An expert on comparative politics and federalism, Dr. Vibulpong's trip provided an excellent opportunity to observe the Canadian political process and to learn more about Canada in general.

It has been three years since the Canadian studies Program at Chulalongkorn University was established with the financial assistance of the Canadian Embassy in Bangkok.

Now, through the efforts of the Canadian Studies Committee the budget of the Canadian Studies Program is largely funded by five Canadian companies, who have a deep interest in seeing Thai-Canadian relations grow apace.