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President Aquino
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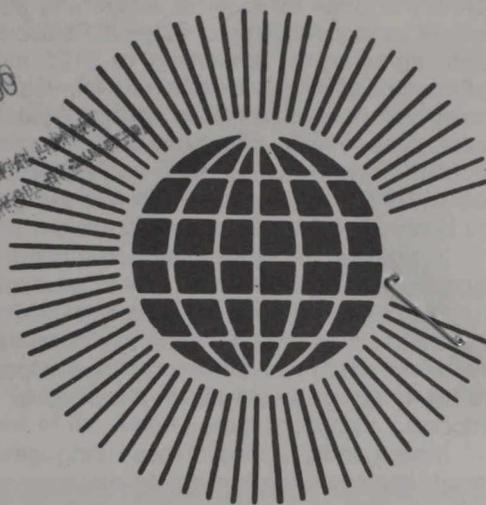
President Corazon Aquino became the first President of the Philippines to visit Canada when she arrived in Vancouver on November 4. During her four-day official visit, she also visited Toronto and Ottawa and paid calls on Madame Jeanne Sauve, Governor-General of Canada; Prime Minister Brian Mulroney; a number of federal cabinet ministers; and the provincial premiers of British Columbia and Ontario.

President Aquino and her delegation were accorded an enthusiastic reception throughout their visit. She addressed several groups of senior Canadian business representatives, conveying the message of economic buoyancy and growth in the Philippines and encouraging Canadian investors and traders to consider doing business in the Philippines.

The President also met large groups of Filipino-Canadians who gave her a rousing welcome in each of the cities she visited. She noted the economic and social rejuvenation in the Philippines as well as the importance of the strong moral support given by expatriate Filipinos to the democratically elected government.

While her central message during her visit was one of economic growth and the need for further investment and two-way trade, President Aquino also outlined the achievements of her government in the areas of democratic reform,

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Commonwealth Summit in Malaysia a "Tremendous Success"

The Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, Prime Minister of Canada, had an enthusiastic evaluation of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, held in Malaysia between October 18 and 24, 1989. "A tremendous success," was the summary of his views.

Canada has a special affinity for the Commonwealth, sharing membership in it with ASEAN members Singapore, Brunei Darussalam and CHOGM host Malaysia. The Commonwealth summit is held every two years and was hosted by Canada in 1973 and 1987.

A broad range of issues were addressed during the Kuala Lumpur CHOGM, but two major subject areas, South Africa and the environment, commanded centre stage. During their weekend retreat on the island of Langkawi, the 48 heads of government agreed to the formulation of the Langkawi Declaration on the Environment, a positive step towards coordinated global action on the problems of transboundary pollution.

During the course of the meeting, Mr Mulroney held a series

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