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CANADIAN MINISTERS ANNOUNCE NEW DEVELOPMENT

ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH ASEAN

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, and the Minister for External Relations and International Development, the Honourable Monique Landry, today announced that Canada and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) have signed an agreement for a \$ 9.1 million training project. The Ministers also announced four new development projects totalling \$ 31.9 million to be funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

The new projects will involve long-term training to improve human resource management, technical assistance and equipment for environmental management in areas such as marine science and harvest technology and the establishment of solar energy plants for food processing.

"The agreement just signed will forge new partnerships with individuals and institutions in Canada and the ASEAN nations and further enhance the excellent relations Canada enjoys with one of the most important regions in the world today. These human and institutional bonds will prove to be invaluable assets in our future relations," stated Mr. Clark.

"These projects are just the latest example of Canada's commitment to development in the ASEAN region. They are focussed on human resource development through technology transfers and training, and promote environmentally sound practices," said Mrs Landry.

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