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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TAKES PART  
IN OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY OF THE  
LAD KRABANG REMOTE SENSING STATION

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, will participate in the official opening of the Lad Krabang Remote Sensing Station in Thailand, Saturday, July 9. He will accompany Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn who will preside at the ceremony.

The station is equipped with the latest in technology for the reception, recording, processing and analysis of satellite data for the management of Thailand's natural resources. "Canada has internationally recognized expertise in all facets of remote sensing, including the equipment to receive images, processing equipment and software to analyze the data for decision-making purposes," said Mr. Clark.

Using equipment from MacDonald Dettwiler and Associates Ltd., of Richmond, British Columbia, the National Research Council in Thailand built this Remote Sensing Station in 1982. Since then, Canada has provided training programs through DIGIM Inc., a division of Lavalin Inc. of Montréal. In 1986, MacDonald Dettwiler undertook a complete equipment upgrade of the station, funded by a \$12.3 million contribution from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

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