

Beethoven piano concertos performed by Kuerti

Canadian pianist Anton Kuerti provided music lovers in Singapore with a rich and rewarding experience in April, when he performed all five Beethoven piano concertos at the Victoria Concert Hall.

The Beethoven Cycle was presented over three nights featuring on the first night the First Piano Concerto and the Fifth, known as the Emperor Concerto. The Second and Fourth Concertos were presented on the second night, while on the final night, Mr. Kuerti performed the Eroica.

The concerts were extremely successful, with tickets to all three performances completely sold out.

The review in the *The Straits Times* newspaper praised Mr. Kuerti, saying that during the three-night concerto marathon, he "clearly distinguished himself as an astonishing musical talent".

High-tech companies study opportunities

Representatives of six Canadian high-technology companies completed a tour of Southeast Asia in June to pursue investigations of joint-venture opportunities in the region. The companies were all from the Ottawa area, the centre of Canada's developing computer industry and birthplace of a number of small, aggressive firms.

The tour made stops in Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand, as well as Hong Kong, and was led by a private consulting company, ASI Consultants Ltd., which is preparing a detailed study of joint-venture possibilities on behalf of the Canadian International Development Agency.

While in Singapore, the group had numerous meetings with local high-technology companies and held discussions at the Economic Development Board.

The six participating companies offer broad expertise in the high-technology field: Nabu Manufacturing Corporation produces a wide range of products including data entry equipment and video display systems for microcomputers; Omnitech Graphics Systems has developed a computer-aided design system for graphics; Cybernex Ltd. makes video terminals for aerial surveying; Hitech Canada Ltd. makes an advanced optical page reader; Quasar Systems Ltd. prepares custom software for use in business and governmental applications; and Valera Electronics Inc. produces a micro-computer thermostat.

Their interests in the ASEAN region include distributorships and training, as well as joint-venture manufacturing proposals.

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CANADIAN SHIPS VISIT MANILA: Canadian Ambassador to the Philippines, Edward Bobinski, is flanked by Capt. (N) Robert E. George, Commander of the Second Canadian Destroyer Squadron (left) and by Lt. Cdr. Jose T. Vedula, Philippine Navy (right) at the end of wreath-laying ceremonies held at Rizal Park on May 25. They are followed by the ship commanders who assisted at the ceremony.

The wreath-laying was one of the events during the visit to the port of Manila, May 25-28, by four ships of the Second Canadian Destroyer Squadron based at Esquimalt, British Columbia. The squadron, which is under the command of Captain George, includes three destroyers — HMCS Restigouche, HMCS Gatineau, and HMCS Terra Nova — as well as a support ship, HMCS Provider.

Before arriving in the Philippines, the ships made stops in Hongkong, the People's Republic of China, South Korea, Japan and Hawaii, and also took part in naval exercises. While in Manila, the Canadian squadron played host to groups of disadvantaged children, to officers of the Philippine Navy and to members of the Canadian community in the Philippines.

IDRC award for Philippine public servant

Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC) has announced that Isidro Sobrecarey of the Philippines' Public Estates Authority (PEA) has been selected as one of the nominees for the 1983-84 Pearson Fellowship program for young public servants in developing countries. The program, administered by IDRC, was established in 1977 to commemorate the achievements of Canada's former Prime Minister and Nobel Prize winner in the field of international cooperation and development.

Mr. Sobrecarey is manager of technical and administrative services of the PEA, a government corporation which takes charge of developing public lands and properties. He was chosen for his

experience as a young technocrat with demonstrated capability and potential in the field of management.

As a Pearson Fellow, Mr. Sobrecarey will pursue any combination of formal or informal study with research or practical attachments for up to 12 months in Canada. Each nominee follows a program suited to his needs and qualifications as well as the requirements of his work in his native country. With increased professional competence achieved during the program, all fellows are expected to return to their respective countries after one year.

Mr. Sobrecarey is the third Filipino to qualify for the program since its inauguration in 1977.