



*Colombo Plan trainee from Burma at the St. Mary Damsite in Southern Alberta.*

Women have been well represented among the Asian visitors to Canada under the Technical Cooperation Scheme. They have taken practical training and achieved academic honours in many fields, particularly in medicine, nursing, teaching, etc. Their attractive modes of dress have brought a welcome colour and variety to the places they have visited across Canada, and many have been asked to speak to private groups regarding their work and their countries.

In the beginning of the Technical Cooperation Scheme, observation tours of comparatively short duration gave Asians the opportunity of working with private firms, associations and organizations in all provinces of Canada, as well as in government offices at all levels. However, there has over the years been an increasing tendency on the part of the governments of Colombo Plan countries to request academic training for their people. At first only post-graduate training was given, but with the entry into the Colombo Plan at a later stage of some countries lacking adequate higher education facilities, many undergraduate students came to Canada for lengthy periods to study a variety of subjects in universities, technical and commercial schools across Canada. The French-speaking countries of South-East Asia have turned particularly to Canada in this respect, and numbers of students from Cambodia, Laos, South Vietnam have received training in Quebec's French-speaking educational establishments.