

Canadian counterparts. It would be followed by a study tour of Canadian institutions and other facilities in the field of energy such as the newly created Petro-Canada International, a major new Canadian initiative which is focussing *inter alia* on the Philippines and Thailand to help reduce their dependence on imported oil. Canada also undertook to finance a technical economic feasibility study on the setting up of a regional coal handling depot.

With regard to oceanography, we have agreed to provide \$500 000 (Cdn.) as seed money to support studies which would lead to more active collaboration between Canada and the ASEAN countries in this field. We have also expressed our willingness to hold a seminar on vocational training to explore ways in which we might collaborate to mutual benefit.

These are a few examples of the many ways in which Canada and ASEAN are moving to new forms of co-operation. We hope that we can consider the ASEAN-Canada dialogue as a means of doing things together – of exploring problems together, of sharing ideas together – rather than as a means of merely extracting concessions, or obtaining funds. To this end we propose to contribute to the shaping of the agenda for next year's JCC meeting in Canada.

I have dwelt at length on our economic relations with ASEAN. However, Canada's support for and interest in your association stems from a strong political commitment. We have been impressed by ASEAN's growth and sense of common destiny, and by the economic and social progress you have been able to achieve in the region which has been an essential underpinning for peace and stability. Accordingly, we shall continue to co-operate with ASEAN in the search for a peaceful settlement in Cambodia which will remove foreign occupation troops from that tragic land, provide for the Khmer people to choose their own government free from external pressure and halt the flow of refugees. So long as Hanoi refuses to end its occupation of Cambodia, Canada for its part will not help subsidize its military activities by extending development aid to Vietnam. At the same time we shall continue to share the refugee burden that has fallen in the first instance on the shoulders of the people of the countries of ASEAN.

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