

Canadian Studies Program at Chulalongkorn University



Charge d'Affaires Maurice Hladik, presents cheques on behalf of Canadian companies to the Vice-Rector of Chulalongkorn, Charas Sunanvela.

PRIVATE SECTOR FUNDS CANADIAN STUDIES PROGRAM

It is now almost three years since the Canadian Studies Program (CSP) at Chulalongkorn University was established with the financial assistance of the Canadian Embassy in Bangkok.

Now, through the efforts of the Canadian Studies Committee, particularly the Director, Dr. Wiwat Mungkandi, and the CSP researcher, Pranee Thiparat, the budget of the Canadian Studies Program is being funded entirely by the private sector. Five Canadian companies, Bata Thailand, Alcan Thai, Novacorp-an Alberta Corporation, Royal Bank, Northern Telecom, who have a deep interest in seeing Thai-Canadian relations grow apace have all made generous contributions to the 1984/85 budget of the Canadian Studies Program at Chulalongkorn University.

On August 7 the Canadian Charge d'Affaires, as well as representatives from the five companies concerned, attended a presentation ceremony at Chulalongkorn University to donate their cheques to the Canadian Studies Program. The total amount presented amounted to \$14,700. In addition, the Canadian Embassy also donated 100 books to the Canadian Studies Program Library and a six volume set of slides and booklets titled "Canada's Visual History".

The active Canadian Studies Program at Chulalongkorn has hosted a number of visiting Canadian academics. It has also produced pamphlets in Thai explaining CSP and one describing educational opportunities in Canada.

In addition, the Canadian Studies Program has helped to organize two exhibitions about Canada at the Chulalongkorn Demonstration School and Silpakorn University.

Planning is now well underway for next year's activities using the funds recently donated by the Canadian private sector.

Export Development Corporation Line of Credit Announced

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) announced September 21 the signing of a US\$10-million line of credit agreement with Bangkok Bank Limited of Bangkok, Thailand, to support sales of Canadian capital goods and services to Thailand.

The line of credit will assist Canadian exporters competing for sales in Thailand by providing their buyers with a simple and easily accessible credit facility through the bank.

It is expected that the main application of the line of credit will be to support contracts for small- and medium-sized export sales. Allocations will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

EDC lines of credit are a special kind of lending in which EDC lends to banks and financial institutions in other countries, which re-lend to buyers of Canadian goods and services. Since rates and terms have been predetermined, financing arrangements can be finalized quickly.

Bangkok Bank Limited, founded in 1944, is the largest bank in Thailand and the 166th largest bank in the world. As of June 30, 1984 it had 280 domestic and 15 overseas branches.

EDC is a Canadian Crown corporation that provides a wide range of insurance and bank guarantee services to Canadian exporters and arranges credit for foreign buyers in order to facilitate and develop export trade.



The Deputy Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Robert Welch met with Deputy Prime Minister Bichai Rattakul while leading a trade mission to Thailand in September. He also made official calls on Mr. Decha Boonchoochuay, Secretary General of the Board of Investment and the Deputy Foreign Minister Prapass Limpabandhu.