



Ambassador Drake Reassigned to Headquarters

Ambassador Earl G. Drake left Indonesia at the end of August to assume his new job as Director General of the new South and South East Asia Bureau in the Department of External Affairs. In his new position Mr. Drake will have direct operating responsibility for the conduct of Canada's economic, political, aid and other relations with all ASEAN nations.

Indonesian Young People Visit Canada

The 1983-84 Canada Youth Exchange Program, held under the auspices of Canada World Youth, begins in September when a contingent of 64 young Indonesians is scheduled to arrive in Canada. During their three-month stay, the Indonesian contingent and an equal number of Canadians, will participate in various activities in Manitoba and British Columbia, followed by a similar three-month program of joint activities in the Indonesian province of Central Sulawesi.

Canada World Youth, founded in 1971 and partly supported by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), is an international exchange program designed to offer participants an opportunity to live and work with young people from other countries. The emphasis of the program is educational and aimed at broadening the international perspectives of those involved.

Canada-Indonesia Cooperation in Water Resource Management

Feasibility Study on River's Irrigation Potential

The first two teams of Canadian consultants involved in the Lower Solo River Basin Feasibility Study arrived in Indonesia during July. The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) is providing a \$10 million grant to the Government of Indonesia to finance a feasibility study of the irrigation potential of one of Indonesia's most important river systems.

The Lower Solo River Basin in Java is an area long recognized for its potential in increasing agricultural productivity if the annual monsoon floods can be controlled to fulfill year-long irrigation needs. This would accomplish a major objective of Indonesia's long range development plans.

The feasibility study, expected to take three years, is being undertaken by Monenco (Montreal Engineering Company—see separate story on page 7) and will consist of an analysis of the irrigation potential of the Basin; the establishment of standards to meet international financing requirements; identification of possible locations for specific works; assessment of requirements for

regulating, dyking and controlling flood waters along the river; and the establishment of a groundwater exploratory drilling project in collaboration with the Government of Indonesia.

Indonesian Engineers Train in Canada

A group of eight Indonesian engineers departed Indonesia in mid-August to begin a two year Master of Sciences program in Water Resources Development at the University of Manitoba. The participants are employees of the Directorate General of Water Resources Development and have been sponsored by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) as part of CIDA's emphasis on human resource development.

This project is the continuation of an earlier training program approved in 1976, through which 10 engineers from the same Directorate General obtained Master of Science degrees in 1979. A number of these graduates are now occupying important positions in ongoing water development projects such as the Lombok High Level Diversion Project and the Lower Solo Feasibility Study.



Madame Tien Soeharto, Indonesia's First Lady, receives Mrs. Earl G. Drake on a farewell visit shortly before Ambassador and Mrs. Drake's departure from Indonesia.