

## Canadian Cooperation with Agricultural University of Malaysia

As part of the longstanding programme of institutional co-operation between Malaysia's Agricultural University and Ontario's University of Guelph, two regional training seminars were held at Universiti Pertanian with the sponsorship of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

The first was a workshop on teaching methods in agriculture from May 6 to 8, 1984. Attended by 25 participants from Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and Malaysia, the aim of the workshop was to improve classroom effectiveness and teaching skills of university staff involved with instruction of agriculture and related disciplines. Participants were selected from among full-time teaching staff in agricultural science and in related disciplines such as home science, food

science, veterinary medicine, forestry, nutrition. The workshop planners and faculty included four professors from the University of Guelph headed by Prof. Dr. J.C.M. Shute, and Dr. Sulaiman M. Yassin, Director, Centre for Extension and Continuing Education of Universiti Pertanian Malaysia.

The second was a regional training course in veterinary immunology held from May 14 to June 1, 1984 given by the University of Guelph's Prof. Bruce Wilkie. Its objective was to provide training in new advances and techniques in the field of veterinary immunology to veterinary scientists in developing countries of Asia. The course was attended by 28 microbiologists from host country Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh.

## Oil and Gas Venture Mission

In April of this year, a group of seven Canadian companies participated in a CIDA-sponsored mission to identify joint venture opportunities in the Malaysian petroleum industry. The contingent boasted a wide range of capabilities from the manufacture of industrial rubber products to design of offshore production facilities.

There was tremendous interest demonstrated by Malaysian firms in the Canadian groups capabilities. Collectively, there were over 100 business contacts made.

As a result of the mission, Adley Consulting has established a joint venture for propane gas bottling and the Simmons Group has identified a Malaysian partner for training contracts in drilling operations.

## BRUNEI

### New Letter of Credentials for Canadian High Commissioner to Brunei

After the achievement of full independence by Brunei on January 1, Brunei is now ready to receive fully accredited foreign diplomats. In an audience with His Majesty Sultan Sir Muda Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Canadian High Commissioner to Brunei, Mr. Charles John Small, presented his new letter of credentials as Canada's first High Commissioner

to Brunei. Mr. Small is resident in Kuala Lumpur as Canadian High Commissioner to Malaysia.

During the audience, Mr. Small reviewed the development of Canadian-Brunei relations, including Prime Minister Trudeau's visit in January 1983 and International Trade Minister Gerald Regan's visit in February 1984.

While in Bandar Seri Begawan, High

Commissioner Small called upon Pengiran Bahrin Bin Pengiran Haji Abbas, Minister of Law and Communications and Dato Haji Zakaria, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Canada's annual exports to Brunei have grown to almost \$3 million, with good prospects for further sales of high technology office and communications equipment.



Mr. Charles John Small presenting his Letter of Credentials as Canada's first High Commissioner to Brunei to His Majesty Sultan Sir Muda Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah.

### Canadian Academics Visit Brunei

Now that Brunei is a full-fledged member of ASEAN, Canadian academics specializing in the region are developing an interest in Brunei affairs.

The first two Canadian professors to make a research trip to Brunei spent a week in Bandar Seri Begawan from June 23 to 29. They were Dr. Bruce Burton, Associate Professor of Political Science, and Dr. Manbharana Marasinghe, Professor of Law, both from the University of Windsor, Ontario.

Professor Burton is conducting comparative research into the foreign policy of small Asian states, while Professor Marasinghe is writing about foreign investment laws in ASEAN.

While in Brunei, they called upon Pengiran Bahrin Bin Pengiran Haji Abbas, Minister of Law and Communications, and Mr. Lim Jock Seng, Director of ASEAN Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. While in the region the two professors visited research institutions in Kuala Lumpur and Singapore.