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Visit Highlights Multidimensional Relationship With Indonesia

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark made a bilateral visit to Indonesia July 18-22. Mr Clark, accompanied by his wife, Maureen McTeer, was the guest of Foreign Minister Mochtar Kusumaatmadja.

A very busy schedule occupied Mr Clark during his day and half in Jakarta. After being met by Foreign Minister Mochtar and escorted to his hotel, Mr Clark visited the Canadian Embassy and spoke to the staff. Meanwhile, Ms McTeer was introduced to a number of professional Indonesian women to discuss common perceptions on issues that affect women generally. In the evening, the couple attended a reception marking the first stage of a joint venture between the Canadian life insurance firm, Manulife, and the Alacmala Group of Indonesia. Later they were the guests of Dr. and Mrs Mochtar at a private dinner, where the fare was "nouvelle cuisine Indonesienne", prepared under the guidance of a Canadian chef.

During his full second day in Jakarta, Mr Clark paid a courtesy call on President Soeharto, held bilateral discussions with Foreign Minister Mochtar, gave a speech at a luncheon that was held in his honour by the Indonesian Executive Circle and the Canadian Businessmen's Club, met with Minister of National Planning Prof Dr J B Sumaslin and attended a reception in his honour for the Canadian community in Jakarta. The theme of many of Mr Clark's remarks was the need to expand trade and investment ties



President Soeharto receives Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark.

between the two countries through the conscious effort to develop mutual knowledge and confidence.

Maureen McTeer had a busy schedule too. When not joining Mr Clark, she met Mrs Soeharto and the Minister of Social Affairs, Mrs Nani Soedarsono, and was interviewed by Kompas, a leading daily newspaper.

On July 20, the party flew to Lombok to inspect the High Level Diversion irrigation project that has received

substantial assistance through CIDA. Among his other duties, Mr Clark is ultimately responsible for the direction and delivery of Canada's development assistance program.

The visiting Canadians received memorable hospitality in Lombok and Bali and witnessed a number of the exquisite dances that are so characteristic of the culture of Indonesia. The visit concluded July 22, when Mr Clark and his party departed for Singapore.

Sulawesi Trade Seminars

As a continuation of a program to inform Indonesian businessmen of available opportunities in Canada, Embassy representatives held seminars in Manado and Ujung Pandang, two major commercial centres in the island of Sulawesi.

The seminars, organised in conjunction with the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce, featured presentations on bilateral relations, Canadian commercial activities in Indonesia, development assistance projects in Sulawesi, as well as a film prepared by the Canadian trade facilitation office to familiarise potential Indonesian exporters with the Canadian market. The seminars also sought to advise participants on joint venture opportunities.

Approximately 300 businessmen and regional government officials attended the two seminars. Similar events are planned for other Indonesian provinces in the near future.



Signing of a plaque marks the launching of a new life insurance joint venture, P.T. Asuransi Jiwa Dharmala Manulife in Jakarta.