

## Pacific Rim Opportunities Conference Opens in Calgary

The Third Pacific Rim Opportunities Conference (PROC III) will be held in Calgary, Alberta October 5-7, 1983. The Calgary Convention Centre will serve as the venue for this ongoing exchange of information between Canada and its trading partners around the Pacific rim. Sponsored by the Canadian Committee of the Pacific Basin Economic Council (PBEC), the PROC represents Canada's major forum for Canadian firms to investigate, discuss and assess trade and investment opportunities in the countries of the western Pacific.

Derek Davies, editor of the *Far Eastern Economic Review*, will deliver the keynote address at the opening of the Conference on October 5. Other major speeches will be given by the Hon. Gerald E. Regan, Minister of State (International Trade) of Canada, the Hon. Peter Lougheed, Premier of the Province of Alberta and Mr. Giro Tokuyama, Dean, Nomoura School of Advanced Management and advisor to the Japanese Committee of the Pacific Basin Economic Council. Anand Panyarchunpres, ASEAN Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Bangkok, has also been invited to deliver a major address. The opening day of the three day conference will include, in addition to Mr. Davies' "Pacific Overview", a plenary session on successful Canadian company strategies in the region and a panel discussion on financing arrangements affecting trade and investment.

Sector workshops will include Canadian trade commissioners in the Pacific region, invited experts of each market, and Canadian business executives with experience in the region. Commercial representatives from ASEAN diplomatic missions in Canada will also attend to provide briefings on trade and economic opportunities in their respective countries. The sectoral workshops, which will run concurrently, will cover the areas of agriculture, food and fisheries, mining, metallurgy, high tech products and services, and imports.

Several hundred senior Canadian businessmen are expected to attend this conference which will give them a better opportunity to understand and participate in the fast growing Asian and Pacific economies.

This is the third PROC conference to be organized in recent years. The first was held in Vancouver in November 1980 and the second in Toronto in February 1982. Both earlier conferences were well attended and clearly represent great Canadian interest in sharing in the economic development of the Pacific Rim countries.



*Aerial view of downtown Calgary, Alberta.*

## ASEAN Attends ICAO Meeting in Montreal

The 24th session of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) opened the 20th of September at its headquarters in Montreal in the presence of representatives of 121 delegations with a further 20 organizations sending observers. The assembly, which is the supreme organizing body of ICAO, holds a regular General Session every three years. All of the countries of ASEAN were represented at this session which lasted until the 10th of October. ICAO is a subsidiary organization of the United Nations which has the mandate of assuring the development and organization of international air transportation services.

ICAO has a regional bureau in Bangkok which provides certain services to countries of that region of Asia and the Pacific. By correspondence and meetings, specialists of air transport provide assistance through this regional bureau to states concerned in Asia and liaise with them on questions involving air transport.

The first week of the 24th session of the Assembly was dedicated to declarations presented by the states who are contracting parties and observers. In describing the progress realized in the domain of air transport in each of their countries, the speakers in large majority expressed their profound sadness at the tragic incident which occurred on the night of the 31st of August and 1st of September involving the Korean Airlines Flight KAL007 which was shot down over the North Pacific causing the death of 269 passengers and crew members. The representatives of Singapore and Thailand were particularly eloquent on this subject, expressing the opinion which

prevailed generally at the seat of ICAO that it is necessary to adopt measures which will prevent the reoccurrence of this tragic incident. Several initiatives in this regard were presented to the Assembly and are currently under study by various organs of ICAO.

A number of resolutions on this specific issue were adopted by the council of ICAO during a special extraordinary session on September 16. The Canadian Minister of Transport, The Hon Lloyd Axworthy, put forward the idea of a special convention concerning the procedures for the interception of aircraft which is expected to be the subject of considerable discussion in the near future.

Deliberations were also undertaken concerning the election of the President and Vice-President of the Assembly to preside over four commissions: Administration; Air Law; Economics; and Technical matters. These commissions, which have before them an ambitious program of work, are studying and discussing several questions of interest in their specialized areas of activity.

One of the principal tasks before the Assembly was the election of 33 states as members which compose the council. This election was conducted in three successive phases and reflects the importance of various countries in the field of air transport, their contribution to technical planning and the necessity of assuring representation from each geographic region.

The ASEAN candidate, Indonesia, which is already a member of the council, obtained a renewed mandate for election during the 24th session of the Assembly, as did Canada.