

# \$26.8M FOR THAI PROJECTS

While in Bangkok to attend the ASEAN Post-Ministerial Conference, Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark signed four memoranda of understanding with the Royal Thai Government.

These memoranda deal with four projects to help develop sectors of priority in Thailand's Sixth Five-Year Plan. These sectors are industrialization, energy policy formulation, the environment, and assistance in strengthening the technical and institutional capacity of the National Economic and Social Development Board.

The first project is part of a Canadian program of assistance to develop small industries in Northeast Thailand. It will help strengthen the capacity of Thailand's Department of Industrial Expansion to provide advisory services, technical training and credit to small industries with less than 100 employees.

The project will also foster links between the Canadian and Thai private sector associations. Over a five-year period, approximately 40 Thais will receive training in the field of advisory services and loan assessment.

This project is worth \$13 million. The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) will disburse \$11.9 million to the Thai Government's Department of Industrial Promotion and Thailand will contribute \$1.15 million.

The second project responds to the need for technical assistance in the energy sector and will include developing national policy in the fields of

energy resource management, pricing and transportation. In addition to sending Canadian experts, the project will also contract local consultants and researchers.

The objective is to assist Thailand in developing a coordinated approach to management and planning in the energy sector. CIDA will contribute \$5 million over three years and will collaborate with Thailand's National Energy Policy Committee to help establish an energy policy to provide low-cost energy for the economy.

The third project will strengthen the Khung Kraben Bay Development Study Centre, enabling it to play a key role in guiding the integration of environmental management in the economic development of the Gulf of Thailand region. CIDA will contribute \$4.92 million to this project over a three-year period, while Thailand's contribution to this project will be \$1.3 million.

Besides the construction of additional facilities for the Centre, the Canadian contribution will go towards study scholarships, training, technical assistance, the acquisition of equipment and installation of a laboratory.

The fourth project, valued at \$5 million, is to develop the technical and institutional capacity of Thailand's planning agency, the National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB). The funding will be used to provide training assistance support and technical services to assist in the formulation of the Seventh Economic and Social Development Plan.

## Grant for Rural Development in Indonesia

The Canadian Government has provided a grant of \$275,000 (approximately RP373 million) in support of rural community development programs being carried out by local non-governmental organizations. The funds will be channelled through the Yayasan Pengembangan Masyarakat Desa Irian Jaya (YMPD), the Yayasan Lembaga Konsumen (YLK), the secretariat of Bina Desa, and the Canadian University Service Overseas (CUSO).

The agreement was signed on 26 April by the Canadian Ambassador to Indonesia, H.E. J.A. Whittleton, and IR Agus Rumusara for YPMD, Ms Tini Hadad for YLK, Mr Abbas Muin for Bina Desa, and Mr Greg Rooney for CUSO.

This grant will be used primarily to support projects in such areas as community development, women in development, environmental programs, training programs, human resource development and cooperative development and other innovative projects in which the villagers themselves participate.

The grant is part of the Canadian Government's contribution to the work of non-governmental organizations in Indonesia in support of Indonesia's economic development objectives. Canadian development assistance to Indonesia totals approximately \$60 million (RP82 billion) annually.

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## McTeer Presents Cheque for Housing

**Maureen McTeer, wife of Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark, and their daughter Catherine accompanied him during his visit to Thailand.**

**Ms McTeer's program included a visit to the Duang Prateep Foundation in Klong Toey, where she presented a \$25,000 cheque from the embassy-administered Canada Fund. The grant will be used to build 62 housing units for slum dwellers.**

**Picture shows (from left) Catherine Clark, Ms McTeer, Khun Prateep, Mrs Virginia Smith, wife of Canadian Ambassador Larry Smith, and Rosalind Coleman, Embassy Counsellor.**

