



Under the heading of transportation and communications, Madame Landry announced a \$4.48-million grant to cover staff training and improved equipment for China's domestic satellite communications system. As well, Canadian consultants will assess infrastructure and operating procedures for the new Zhejiang Airline in Hangzhou, and assist with the design of new coal-handling facilities at the Port of Shanghai.

The many educational projects announced by Madame Landry reflect the importance Canada places on the development of human resources, and on promoting greater understanding between the two countries. Funds have been earmarked to support co-operative links between Canadian and Chinese universities, finance training programs for management personnel, and underwrite staff training for the All-China Women's Federation. With 93 million members, the federation is believed to be the world's largest women's organization.

Thailand

Canada's relationship with Thailand dates back to the 1950s. Today, Thailand is designated as a major target under the Canadian National Trade Strategy. During a recent visit to Thailand, Madame Landry announced a \$21-million expansion in existing programs administered by the Canadian

Three Gorges on the Yangtze River in China: proposed site for hydro-electric plant to be built with Canadian assistance.

International Development Agency (CIDA), including training for Thai air traffic controllers in Canada, and scholarships for students who want to pursue post-secondary studies in Canada in the crucial areas of energy, natural resource management, food processing, and strategic industry studies.

As part of this package, the Minister announced a program to strengthen women's participation in economic and political decision-making at the local and regional levels. According to Madame Landry, "These funds will enable [women] to initiate income-generation

activities, open small businesses, have access to credit, and receive leadership training." The Minister also announced a \$36-million contribution to the industrial sector for the proposed Enterprise Thailand program. This initiative has been designed to encourage corporate collaboration between the Canadian and Thai private sectors.

During her five days in Thailand, the Minister visited a number of ongoing projects that have received CIDA funds. In the northeast, she took part in a sod-turning ceremony for a CIDA-sponsored research and development institute at Khon Kain University. She visited a Canadian-built remote sensing station where CIDA funds were recently used to purchase upgraded equipment and fund employee training in Canada. And she stopped in at a plant in Bangkok that manufactures road graders under the first substantial joint venture agreement for a Canadian firm in Thailand.

"This is a good example of transfer of Canadian technology in the production of high-technology construction equipment, helping Thailand overcome the need for imports and earning valuable foreign exchange," Madame Landry said.

Korea

Canadian and Korean companies signed an agreement March 12 launching Canada Trade Group Inc. The company will enable Canadian corporations to benefit from Korea's aggressive and highly competitive salesmanship, while giving Korean businesses access to Canada's natural resources and expertise in technology and project financing.

Canada's efforts to increase its exports to Korea also got a boost from commitments by the Korean Minister of Trade and Industry, Mr. Woong-Bae Rha. In response to a series of representations by Canada's Minister for International Trade, Pat Carney, Korea agreed to allow an increase in imports of Canadian coking coal from 500 000 to 550 000 tonnes, and to reduce the import tariff on Canadian lumber from 20 to 15 per cent. The two ministers also agreed on measures to increase sales of Canadian products to Korea.

This microscope is among the Canadian high-tech equipment CIDA has provided to Thailand.

