

## Canadian Ministers Lead Business Missions To Indonesia

February was an especially busy month for the Canadian Embassy in Jakarta as it was highlighted by visits of two Canadian Ministers the Honourable James Kelleher, Federal Minister for International Trade, who arrived here for two days of meetings February 12-14, accompanied by 18 businessmen and Alberta's Minister for International Trade, the Honourable Horst Schmid, at month's end who led a six member mission to the country.

During his visit to Jakarta, Minister Kelleher paid a courtesy call on President Soeharto and met with his host, Minister of Trade, Rachmat Saleh, as well as Minister for Research and Technology, Prof Dr B J Habibie, Minister of Mines and Energy, Prof Dr Subroto, Minister of Tourism, Post and Telecommunications, Achmad Tahir and Minister of Communications, Roesmin Nurjadin.

Minister Kelleher's primary objective during his visit was to support those Canadian firms who are already active in Indonesia and to assist those who are trying to enter the Indonesian market. During Minister Kelleher's visit, a number of valuable contacts for Canadian firms were concluded including \$13.4 million order for steel rail awarded to Sydney Steel Corp and \$10 million order for Pratt and Whitney Canada Turbine Engines for Indonesian Aircraft Industry. Financing arrangements for \$34.5 million telecommunications contract and \$600,000 telecommunications training equipment order were also concluded.

As part of Canada's aid programme for Indonesia an order for \$30 million of Potash was awarded to Canpotex and Potcan. This Potash fertilizer will be used to increase Indonesia's food production capacity.

### Wideranging Discussions

Mr Kelleher also discussed forthcoming multilateral trade negotiations and encouraged Indonesia to work with Canada in areas where two countries have common interests, such as trade liberalization in agriculture and resources products; tighter disciplines on contingency protection measures and strengthened dispute settlement procedures. He also sought Indonesian support on other trade issues in addition to the September Ministerial Conference to launch the next MTN round.

During his round of meetings in Jakarta, Minister Schmid met with Minister of Trade, Rachmat Saleh, Minister of Manpower, Mr Soedomo, and President of Kadin (Indonesian Chamber of Commerce), Mr Sukamdani Sahid Gitosardjono, to discuss further cooperation between Indonesia and companies in the province of Alberta.



*Mr Kelleher addressing the Indonesian Executive Circle and Canadian Business Association.*

## Jakarta Air Show

Canada will be well represented at the forthcoming Indonesia air show to be held at Jakarta's Kemayoran Airport. The show will run from June 22 to July 1 and is expected to draw at least 2,000 exhibitors from over 20 countries. Exhibitors will be housed in seven halls covering an area of 15,800 sq m. The air show has become one of the major air events for the region.

Along with other countries, Canada will be represented by a contingent of at least 12 companies from the aerospace industry from across Canada.

## New Indonesian Ambassador

The new Indonesian Ambassador to Canada, Mr Adiwoso Abu Bakar, was born in Semarang, Indonesia, on 15 August 1925. He served with Indonesia Armed Forces from 1945 to 1947, and graduated from Gajah Mada University in international relationships in 1954. During course of his distinguished foreign service career, he was posted to Stockholm, Cairo, Khartoum, Rome, Hague, Washington and Brasilia, where he was ambassador. Since 1982, Mr Adiwoso has been Director-General of the Indonesia ASEAN National Directorate, and has been very active in ASEAN circles. As Ambassador to Canada, he replaces Mr Hasjim Djalal, new Chairman of the Indonesian Foreign Affairs Research and Development Agency. Mr Wisber Loeis, former Director for Asia and Pacific Affairs, succeeds Mr Adiwoso at ASEAN National Directorate.

## Geological Co-operation Memorandum Signed

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on co-operation in earth and field sciences between the Geological Survey of Canada and the Directorate of Mineral Resources of Indonesia was signed February 13 by Director-General of Geology and Mineral Resources J. A. Katali and Canadian Ambassador M. R. Thomas.

The agreement will provide scope for technical product evaluation and assistance to the Indonesian Department of Mines and Resources regarding the utilization of a \$46 million Asian Development Bank loan to undertake a comprehensive and systematic inventory of its mineral and geothermal resources. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$68 million.

In addition, the agreement provides for bilateral technical exchanges and co-operation in such areas as:

- geoscience research on deep structure and land mass;
- research in ore genesis;
- geophysical and geochemical methods for mineral exploration;
- seismic tectonics; and
- absolute age dating.

The Agreement will promote a greater awareness in Indonesia of Canadian expertise in the mineral survey sector and of the interest of Canadian seismic and geophysical firms including consultants in this highly technical and specialized area.

Two other Canadian firms, Aquarius Flights Inc. and Intera Technologies, were recently successful in obtaining World Bank funded contracts totalling \$4.9 million for aerial photography and mapping work in Indonesia.