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Canada Will Open An Embassy At Bangkok

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honorable Paul Martin, announced today, pursuant to his remarks in the Standing Committee on External Affairs on April 13, that the Canadian Government intends to establish a resident mission in Bangkok, Thailand, within the next few months and to appoint a resident Ambassador.

Canada and Thailand established diplomatic relations in 1961 and Mr. B.C. Butler is at present Canadian Ambassador to Thailand, resident in Kuala Lumpur. Mr. Butler will continue in this capacity until the resident embassy has been opened and the new Ambassador appointed.

Canadian-Thailand relations have been close and friendly for a number of years. Besides a common interest in the establishment of conditions of peace and stability in Southeast Asia, Canada and Thailand are both members of the Colombo Plan, and the Canadian aid programme in Thailand is expected to amount to 1.3 million dollars this year. Canada exports to Thailand have increased from 1.3 million dollars in 1958 to 5.6 million dollars in 1965 and a further expansion of trade exchanges between the two countries can be expected.