

Since Canada became an ASEAN dialogue partner in 1977, bilateral relations have steadily grown to encompass trade, investment, cultural and academic exchanges, and co-operation in the fields of security, the environment, and development. The Canada-ASEAN Centre, established in 1989, in Singapore, will enhance relations in these and other areas and ensure Canada can respond effectively to the rapid development of the ASEAN region.

While in Kuala Lumpur, Mrs. McDougall will sign with Prince Mohamed of Brunei Darussalam, Canada's current dialogue partner in ASEAN, three Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) worth \$24 million. Developed by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the MOUs relate to three development co-operation projects in the areas of marine science, fisheries and solar energy.

ASEAN includes Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

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