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Thailand PM Makes Official Visit to Canada

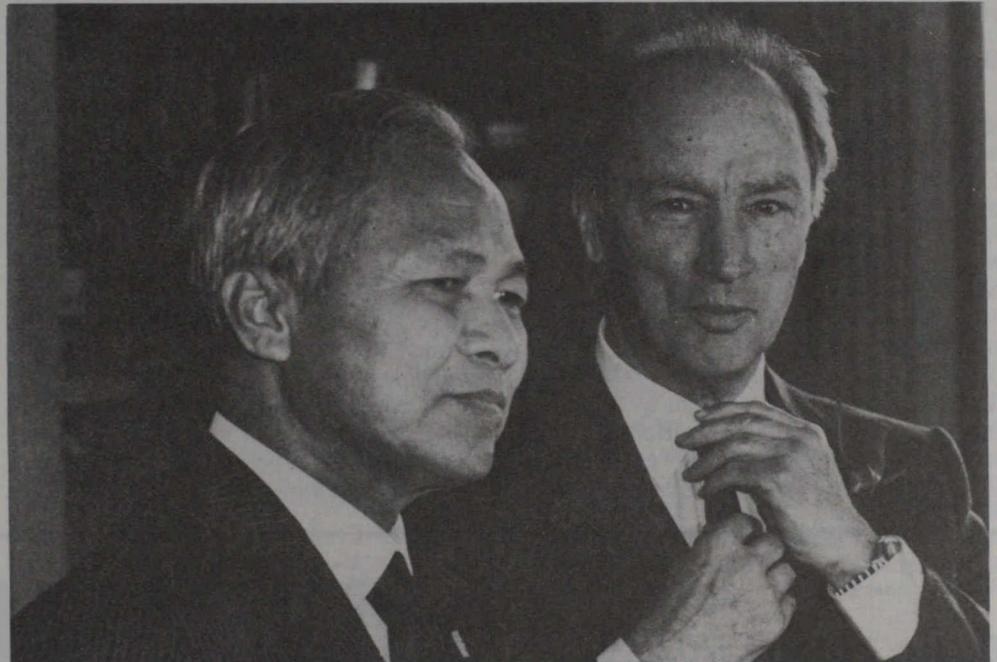
Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanond undertook a highly successful visit to Canada from April 8 to 12th. General Prem, leading an 84-person delegation of ministers, business executives and officials, began this first official visit to Canada by a Thai prime minister in Vancouver, Canada's gateway city to the Pacific Rim. General Prem was accompanied by Foreign Minister Siddhi Savetsila, Agriculture Minister Narong Wongwan, Commerce Minister Kosol Krairiksh and Minister attached to the Prime Minister's Office, Flying Officer Sulee Mahasanthana. The main objectives of the visit were to reaffirm the excellent bilateral relations between Thailand and Canada; to discuss individual issues of common interest; and to encourage increased trade and investment.

First Stop: Vancouver

The Thai Prime Minister was greeted in Vancouver by the Honourable Gerald Regan, Canada's Minister for International Trade, who accompanied him to a meeting with the Government of the Province of British Columbia hosted by Premier William Bennett. A briefing followed on EXPO 86, Canada's International Transportation and Communications Exposition to be held in Vancouver in two years at which Thai participation in the Fair was confirmed. In addition, a presentation was given to the Thai delegation of Canadian capabilities in the area of light rapid transit systems suitable for use in the Bangkok metropolis.

The Vancouver Board of Trade was the venue for a major luncheon address during which Prime Minister Prem focussed on business opportunities and encouraged investors to give serious consideration to Thailand. Prem described Thailand as offering an economic base and rapid growth rate which constitutes an attractive location for Canadians to seek joint venture and investment opportunities. In amplification of this important speech a number of senior Thai economic and commercial representatives led by Dr. Snoh Unakul, Secretary General of Thailand's National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB), presented an impressive audio-visual description of the investment

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Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau welcomes General Prem Tinsulanond on his official visit to Canada, 8-12 April.

Canada-Singapore Air Services Begin January 1985

Air Canada has set mid-January 1985 as the target date for the beginning of regular flights between Canada and Singapore. The other major Canadian carrier, Canadian Pacific Airlines, hopes to begin its flights later in 1985.

Both Canadian airlines will be flying to Singapore as a result of the air services agreement recently negotiated between civil aviation authorities of Singapore and Canada. The agreement is expected to be signed in Singapore in June.

The agreement was completed after one of the quickest and smoothest negotiating sessions ever experienced by either side. It took only three days of discussions in late January to put together a liberal arrangement for air services between the two countries.

Under the agreement Air Canada will be able to operate flights to Singapore via an Atlantic routing; while Canadian Pacific Airlines will be authorized to serve Singapore via the Pacific.

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Les Grands Ballets Canadiens on Asian Tour

On 7 May, Les Grands Ballet Canadiens will begin their two-month tour of the Far East which will take this world-renowned dance company to Bangkok and Singapore as well as Japan, China, Hong Kong and Korea.

Coming from its regular spring performances in New York, "Les Grands", as the troupe is affectionately known, is acclaimed for its varied repertory which draws its sources not only from the great classical tradition but also from contemporary works by Canadian and foreign choreographers.

Les Grands will give two performances in Bangkok June 3-4 under the auspices of Siam Kolkarn Music Foundation. In addition, they will take part in a gala dinner 2 June at which time they will present a short program featuring a ballet specially choreographed to a composition by His Majesty King Bhumipol Adulyadaj.

Following these performances, the troupe will travel to Singapore for performances 8-9-10 June, inaugurating the three-week long Singapore Festival of Arts.

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Variety of Programs Organized for Thai Visitors in Ottawa

climate in Thailand with emphasis on energy development. This energy seminar was attended by a delegation of Alberta officials and businessmen headed by Alberta's Minister for International Trade Horst Schmid who conducted discussions with Thailand's Energy Minister Flying Officer Sulee Mahasanthana. Mr. Schmid has been a regular visitor to Thailand over the past several years and has encouraged closer co-operation in the energy sector.

On to Ottawa

From Vancouver Prime Minister Prem and his party flew to Ottawa where they were officially met at the airport by Canada's Defence Minister The Honourable Jean-Jacques Blais. Important bilateral meetings were held with Prime Minister Trudeau and Canadian Cabinet Ministers during the morning of April 11th. A very fruitful exchange of views on the situation in Southeast Asia took place during which Prime Minister Trudeau reiterated Canada's endorsement of the ASEAN position on the resolution of the ongoing conflict in Cambodia. Mr. Trudeau also expressed

Canada's admiration for the successes achieved by ASEAN and emphasized Canada's desire for closer political and economic links.

Following the bilateral meetings, the Thai and Canadian Prime Ministers witnessed the signing of three important agreements between Canada and Thailand. (See page 10 for details)

During the afternoon of April 11th several programs were conducted simultaneously for the Thai visitors. Prime Minister Prem attended Question Period in the House of Commons followed by a demonstration presentation of the world famous Musical Ride by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. At the same time Thai Commerce Minister Kosol Krairiksh and Agriculture Minister Narong Wongwan headed a group of Thai businessmen in a "round table" discussion with their Canadian counterparts led by Minister for International Trade Regan. Foreign Minister Siddhi met members of the Combined House of Commons and Senate Committee on External Affairs and Defence Policy for an hour long session on current political developments in Southeast Asia.

State Dinner

The evening was highlighted by a State Dinner hosted by Prime Minister Trudeau. Prime Minister Trudeau's toast made reference to the rapid growth and exciting prospects for Thai-Canadian relations. On the broader scale of Pacific Rim relations the Canadian Prime Minister characterized the development of Canada's Asia Pacific Foundation concept as a concrete manifestation of the increasing interchange of ideas around the Pacific Ocean. He also emphasized Canada's admiration for Thailand's achievements and made particular reference to the notable contribution of Prime Minister Prem. Prime Minister Prem returned to the rapid expansion of Canada-Thailand relations and paid tribute to Mr. Trudeau's role and influence as an international statesman.

The visit of Thailand's Prime Minister clearly indicated the rapidly growing relationship between Canada and this important ASEAN country. The visit drew attention to the increasing significance of the shared objectives of the two countries.

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Ballet Troupe in ASEAN

The National Film Board of Canada has entered into an agreement with Les Grands Ballets Canadiens to make a 90 minute film of the tour. The producer-director is John N. Smith who has been with the NFB since 1972.

Mr. Smith is Canada's foremost film director of dance. His two latest dance films, *For the Love of Dance*, and *Gala*, each won the dance world's most prestigious prize, the Grand Prize of the New York Dance Film Festival in 1982 and 1983 respectively.

The film of Les Grands' Far East tour will record not only high points in the performances but also the adventures of the company as they follow an exciting and pressure-packed program through twenty cities in Asia.

On its Asian tour, Les Grands will be performing works inspired by Quebec folklore, such as *Tam Ti Delam* (B. MacDonald/G. Vigneault), as well as choreographies of marked significance in the history of ballet: *Soaring* (D. Humphrey/R. St. Denis), *Jardin aux lilas* (A. Tudor) and *Serenade* (G. Balanchine).

Les Grands Ballets Canadiens tour of the Far East is sponsored by the Department of External Affairs, Le Gouvernement du Quebec, and Canadian Pacific Airlines.



Government Proposes Creation of Canadian Peace and Security Institute

The Honourable Allan MacEachen, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, submitted to Parliament 16 April a bill to establish the Canadian Institute of International Peace and Security.

The bill makes good the Government's undertaking in the speech from the throne last December to create "a publicly funded centre to gather, collate and digest the enormous volume of information now available on defence and arms control issues. Fresh ideas and new proposals, regardless of source, will be studied and promoted".

The proposed Institute has its origin in the Prime Minister's initiative launched last autumn on East-West relations and international security. It is one way in which the momentum of the Prime Minister's peace initiative will be continued in an institutional framework.

The introduction of this bill reflects Canada's long-term commitment to the search for world peace and security which are deep concerns of the Canadian public and of Parliament.

In planning the Institute, various models were examined, including the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) in London. The Canadian Institute would

be dedicated to both peace and security issues, with particular emphasis on defence, arms control and disarmament. It will not duplicate work already being done abroad on international peace and security, but will bring a distinctive Canadian perspective to these issues.

Purpose

The Institute will promote and foster informed public discussion and deepen Canadian expertise. Specifically, the bill sets out the following purposes: a) to collect and disseminate information and ideas and act as a central resource for Canadian interest, activity and work in this area; b) to encourage public discussion of international peace and security issues through the promotion and holding of seminars and conferences as well as through publications; c) to promote scholarship in matters related to international peace and security; and d) to foster, fund and conduct research on international peace and security issues of particular interest to Canada.

It will complement and assist the work of existing organizations involved in these subjects in Canada and will cooperate closely with them and make contacts with similar institutes abroad. The Government wishes to be able to tap

this new source of knowledge and ideas and may occasionally request advice and research from the Institute.

Structure and Financing

The Institute will be governed by a board of directors composed of a chairman, an executive director and not more than fifteen other directors. The chairman, executive director and at least eight of the fifteen directors will be Canadian citizens. No nominations for these positions have yet been proposed. The Government intends the Institute to be apolitical. Board members are to be knowledgeable in their field and will be expected to carry out their functions in a completely non-partisan manner.

It will be financed by annual parliamentary appropriation and will be funded equally by grants from the Department of External Affairs and Department of National Defence. Financing for fiscal year 1984-85 is projected at \$1.5 million rising to \$5 million by 1988-89.

The Institute will have maximum flexibility and independence, but it will be required to submit to Parliament, through the minister, an annual report on its activities and finances. It will also be able to publish the findings of its researchers.

Master of the Mint Unveils Canadian Coins to Asia-Pacific Collectors

Mr James Corkery, President and Master of the Royal Canadian Mint (RCM), visited the Southeast Asia region in March to promote sales of the Mint's numismatic coins, including this year's 'Silver Dollar'.

The 1984 Silver Dollar commemorates the 150th anniversary of the founding of Toronto, capital of Ontario and Canada's largest city. Made of 50 percent fine silver, the coin is part of a series of silver dollars minted annually with a new design each year. As a collector's item, the RCM's Silver Dollar has proven to be quite popular in the past since the quality of design and manufacture, as well as precious metal content, contribute quite often to substantial appreciation in the coin's value.

The Royal Canadian Mint is one of the five largest mints in the world. As a Crown Corporation, it is structured and styles itself as a private company, active in promoting its products and services worldwide. Besides Canada, the RCM produces coins for the Philippines, Bangladesh, and New Zealand.

The Mint operates a refinery which is capable of re-processing old jewellery,

fused metals, old coins, and other materials with precious metal content.

The official distributors of the Royal Canadian Mint coins in Singapore,

Malaysia, Negara Brunei Darussalam and Indonesia are International Collections Pte Ltd (ICL), International Building, Orchard Road, Singapore.



Canada's 1984 silver dollar commemorating the one-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary of the city of Toronto was issued recently by Minister of Employment and Immigration John Roberts and the Mayor of Toronto, Art Eggleton. On one side of the coin is the city's well-known Harbourfront skyline which is dominated by the CN tower. In the foreground is depicted an Indian paddling a birch bark canoe, a reminder of the origins of Toronto as "a place of meeting." The new silver dollar, nineteenth in a series that began in 1935, is 50 per cent fine silver and sells in Canada for \$16.95 for the "proof" version and \$11.40 for the "brilliant uncirculated".

Canada-ASEAN Developments



Shown in animated conversation from left to right are Mr. R. A. Kilpatrick, Mr. Barry Desker, Deputy High Commissioner of Singapore and H. E. Vitthaya Vejajiva, Ambassador of Thailand.

ASEAN Ottawa Committee Briefed on JCC Projects

The ASEAN Ottawa Committee met with senior officials of the Canadian Government on February 8, 1984. The meeting was co-chaired by the Indonesian Ambassador to Canada H.E. Hasjim Djalal and by Mr. R. A. Kilpatrick, Assistant Deputy Minister, Asia-Pacific Branch Department of External Affairs. Participants at the meetings included ASEAN Heads of Mission accredited to Canada (and members of their staff), and on the Canadian side, representatives of External Affairs, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the Export Development Corporation (EDC), the Canadian Commercial Corporation (CCC) and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC).

The meeting had a number of objectives: (a) to review developments which had taken place since the last meeting of the Canada-ASEAN Joint Co-operation Committee (JCC) which was held in April 1983. (Under the Economic Co-operation Agreement which ASEAN and Canada concluded in 1982, a Joint Co-operation Committee was established which would normally meet annually.); (b) to provide a forum at which representatives of a number of Canadian Government departments and agencies could outline their policies and specific interests in the region to the ASEAN representatives. In this connection there were presenta-

tions from EDC, CIDA-special programs branch, CCC and IDRC; (c) to provide ASEAN Heads of Mission with an update on other areas of mutual interest including Canadian trade policy and commercial activities, developments on Asia Pacific Foundation and progress on EXPO 86, an exposition in which it is expected most of the ASEAN governments will be participating. Briefings were also provided on Canada's refugee policy and its administration in the Southeast Asian region. The meetings were conducted in a relaxed and constructive manner which allowed for the maximum possible exchange of ideas and reactions. Both the ASEAN and Canadian sides considered that the meeting had accomplished a great deal in focussing attention on prospects for further progress in the relationship.

The day-long meeting was a particularly useful means of updating both sides on the significant progress which has been made particularly on a number of development assistance projects of interest to ASEAN. CIDA provided a status report on a series of project proposals which had been discussed in earlier meetings. The meeting served as a highly useful step between the last JCC meeting held in April 1983 and the next meeting which will be held later this year in an ASEAN capital.

ASEAN Businessmen Attend Canadexpo 84

Over the past five years the number of Canadian companies active in the Asian market-place has increased by some five-fold. In 1983, Canadian exports to the Asia-Pacific region totalled \$8.6 billion with two-way trade at \$14.54 billion. Significantly, Asia has overtaken Europe as a market for Canadian products. Over 600 Canadian firms have branches and subsidiaries in Southeast Asia.

In order to encourage the flow of goods between Asia and Canada, the Canadian Department of External Affairs will stage "Canadexpo 84", a trade fair which will take place 16-20 May in Hong Kong. Eighty-five Canadian companies and seven Provinces will exhibit in the show. Each Canadian mission in ASEAN will be inviting selected businessmen to attend the Fair and learn about the latest and best Canada has to offer.

Canadexpo 84 will have two specialty profiles — products and services for industry, and products and services for the consumer. These products will range from CAD/CAM and computer and telecommunications equipment to electrical power and mobile telecommunications equipment as well as oil and gas and heavy industry equipment. The consumer profile will include kitchenware products and foodstuffs as well as decorative building materials and furniture.

Following participation in Canadexpo 84 in Hong Kong, Canadian Government officials and the exhibitors will visit Singapore to participate in Communicasia 84 and to follow-up representation and joint venture initiatives.

Seminars Organized to Promote ASEAN Exports to Canada

Seminars on market opportunities in Canada have now been held in Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia. They were organized with close cooperation of export promotion authorities in each country, Canadian diplomatic missions and Canada's Trade Facilitation Office.

A prime feature of events was a film, specially produced for the seminars, and presentations on specific aspects of the Canadian market by sector experts. After formal seminars, individual appointments were arranged with exporters to discuss actual business transactions.

The enthusiastic response from participants suggests that this same format, due for implementation in Singapore and Manila in November 1984 will be a significant factor in enabling ASEAN countries to promote their exports to Canada.

IDRC President Re-affirms Commitment to Developmental Research in ASEAN

Mr. Ivan Head, the President of Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC) visited Thailand, Singapore and the Philippines during his recent trip to Asia in February.

His first stop in the ASEAN region was at Chiangmai, Thailand where he met with the researchers of two IDRC supported projects and visited their research sites to view the progress of research work related to vegetable seed production and passive cooling. Both the projects are closely tied in to the Royal Northern Project.

Prince Bhisadej Rajanee, Director of the Royal Project also met with Mr. Head at the Northern Royal Palace where he later presented Mr. Head to Their Majesties King Bhumiphol and Queen Sirikit.

Apart from the field trips he made in the north, Mr. Head's program in Thailand also included visits to other research projects undertaken by Thai

researchers in Bangkok and a seminar on "Canada and the World" which he gave to the Canadian Studies Group at Chulalongkorn University.

Mr. Head left Bangkok for Singapore on February 12. During his three-day stay in Singapore, the IDRC President called at the Institute of South East Asian Studies where he was briefed on the progress of two centre supported research projects. The first project deals with shipping conferences while the second examines non-tariff barriers to trade.

His visit to the country also provided Mr. Head with the opportunity of meeting with IDRC staff working in the Centre's Singapore-based Regional Office and discussing with them their work in the region. The recent opening of a sixth Regional Office in New Delhi to service South Asia has enabled staff in the IDRC Singapore office to concentrate their efforts on Southeast Asia, East Asia and

the Pacific.

The Philippines was the third ASEAN country to be visited by Mr. Head. His program in Manila included a meeting with Minister Jesus Tanchanco, Minister for Food to discuss the ASEAN Crops Post-Harvest Program initiated by IDRC six years ago and now supported by a consortium comprising of IDRC, CIDA, USAID, ADAB and the Dutch Government.

Three other appointments in the program took Mr. Head to Los Banos where he called at the University of Philippines, the International Rice Research Institute and the South East Asian Centre for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture. While in Los Banos, Mr. Head was also able to discuss the progress of an agricultural research project on intercropping which is a joint effort of the University of Philippines, the International Rice Research Institute and IDRC.

Canada: Not tainted by colonial ventures

Following is a reprint of an article which appeared in the Manila newspaper, Veritas. It was written by Ms. Melinda Quintos-de Jesus, one of the Filipino participants in the Canada-ASEAN Journalists' Visit Program.

Philippine historical experience has been so inextricably bound with Canada's giant neighbor that the Filipino visiting Canada must first lift the clouds cast by the US on his perceptions. Filipinos have not been all that curious about Canada although the Philippines ranks as a primary source of Canadian immigration. Few links hold the two countries together. And in spite of her size, Canada's profile in this part of the world is overshadowed by the US, by Japan and even Australia.

It is a situation Canada is eager to change. A recent familiarization tour conducted by Canada's Department of External Affairs for ASEAN journalists articulated the conceptual themes underlying a strategy to further Canada's relations with the countries of the Asia Pacific region. For various reasons, among them, the population density and impressive growth rates that characterize countries of the region, Canada looks to this area for a wide range of new opportunities that can be explored for mutual benefit.

The label "Pacific rim" applies to that community of developed and developing countries on both sides of the Pacific which are held together in a web of interdependent forces and cooperative endeavors. The concept may have the ring of a popular slogan but there are indications that the idea runs deeply and commands a growing national advocacy in Canada.

In five major capitals of Canada-Vancouver, Calgary, Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto—the visiting journalists met with senior officers of major Canadian corporations seeking to expand trade and commerce in ASEAN countries. There is a growing sense that the world is moving into an Asian Pacific era in international affairs, a stage in which Canada seems set to play an important role.

While her population base is small and her political profile lacks definition, Canada would bring to this role three major elements that would bear significantly on regional development — an advanced technology, industrial expertise and skills, and a wealth of natural resources.

The multi-cultural base of Canada's population, representing a cross-section of all major nations in the Asian Pacific region would also enable Canada to reach out with greater understanding and appreciation of the different cultures and traditions of Asia, surely a requisite of any expansion of Canadian-Asian-ASEAN relations.

But certain national issues may also prove problematic. One obvious question is whether Canada can shift her focus from the emphasis historically given to Europe and the United States in her economic and cultural activities.

Another is the regional character of Canada. The diverse Eastern, Western and Central provinces must coalesce into a whole. The outward thrust must reflect rather than counter the process of Canada's national integration.

What mechanism will help Canada pursue these complex goals?

In Vancouver, British Columbia's port city and Canada's Western face, journalists were briefed on the proposal for an Asia Pacific Foundation. According to the project study prepared by John Bruk, the Foundation is envisioned as a collaborative venture supported by both government and private resources. It recommends "an independent, non-profit, non-political organization; that would be devoted . . . to the promotion of discussions and exchanges in areas of vital interest to the peoples of the Asia Pacific region; that would initiate, advance, and encourage a sustained program of study aimed at developing a more meaningful relationship between Canada and the countries of the Asia Pacific region based on mutual knowledge, appreciation and respect."

The idea of the Foundation was first advocated in 1980. And while there is evidence of a broad support for its immediate establishment, Canada's conservatism and characteristic diffidence may be holding back the initiative.

Ironically, it is Canada's low profile that could work to her advantage. Canada's image as a Western power has not been tainted by any colonial or imperialist ventures. She would be expected to wield a positive influence on the interplay of superpower forces in the region. As such, the Asia Pacific Foundation would be a welcome presence among Canada's Pacific neighbors.

MASTERS GAMES
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JEUX DES MAÎTRES



TORONTO CANADA

August 7-25 1985

Regional Tour to Promote World Veterans Meet

Mr. Ron Aldridge visited the ASEAN region in April to brief local sports officials on the world's first MASTERS GAMES which will be held in Toronto, 7-25 August, 1985.

The MASTERS GAMES are for mature men and women competing in one or more of 22 sporting events. Included among the events are athletics, badminton, swimming, cricket, tennis, squash, sailing, and shooting.

The MASTERS GAMES were created to provide long term goals for sports men and women and to promote the ideal of sports activity throughout life. Each sporting event has a minimum age for men and women, ranging from 25 for swimming to 55 for ten pin bowling and shooting.

International Sports Federation have endorsed the rules, technical requirements, and age classifications for their particular sports.

More information on the MASTERS GAMES may be obtained from national sports associations or the Canadian mission in respective ASEAN countries.

During his tour of the ASEAN region, Mr. Aldridge travelled with a group of 18 businessmen and women on a privately organised squash tour. At each stop, the group played friendly matches with local and expatriate squash enthusiasts. This visit marked the first Asian tour for their squash "friendlies" and the Canadians hope to be able to reciprocate in Canada the hospitality which they received at each stop in their tour.

ASEAN Travel Reps Participate in Tourism Conference

Several senior travel representatives based in ASEAN participated Rendez-Vous Canada 1984, held in the new Convention Centre in Ottawa, Canada, April 29 - May 2. About 100 delegates from more than a dozen countries were expected to attend this most important annual Canadian tourism marketplace.

A record \$340 million was transacted in tourism sales at Rendez-Vous Canada 1983, held in Toronto last May. According to official government surveys, the figure represented a 15 percent increase over the previous year's total.

Minister of State (Small Business and Tourism), the Honourable David P. Smith, reported in October that almost half the 249 foreign buying organisations attending last year's show took part for the first time, and that 30 percent of the 372 Canadian selling organisations were also first-time participants.

Most newcomers made "solid contacts", which promised increased business activity, and approximately 88 percent of the buyers and sellers wrote or anticipated writing business as a result

of the five-day marketplace.

The first Rendez-Vous Canada was held in Toronto, Ontario in 1977, where business transactions totalled an estimated \$13.5 million. Subsequent marketplaces have been held in Vancouver, Montreal, Winnipeg, Halifax and Calgary.

Canada's tourism industry represents an estimated 100,000 businesses, most of them small and Canadian-owned, that together employ more than 1.1 million Canadians.

In 1983, more than 38 million international visitors went to Canada. Together with Canadians travelling within Canada, they spent an estimated \$17.25 million on Canadian tourism products and services.

With the growing participation of ASEAN delegates in Rendez-Vous Canada, the number of visitors from this region is expected to increase by 10 percent to over 106,000 visitors by the end of 1984. Tourism information is available from Canadian missions in ASEAN.



The popular Filipino television show "Two For the Road" was recently guests of Tourism Canada, Tourism British Columbia and Cathay Pacific Airways in Vancouver and Victoria. The co-hosts (left) Elvira Manahan and (right) Nestor V. Torre are on location in Gastown, Vancouver filming one of their many shows. Through television shows such as this, Tourism Canada hopes to raise consumer awareness among ASEAN travellers for the vacation opportunities which Canada has to offer.

Canadian Company in ASEAN

Bow Valley Industries: A Success Story of Canadian Investment in Regional Development of Natural Resources

After nearly 13 years of direct involvement in Southeast Asia, Bow Valley Industries looks forward to a healthy future in this part of the world. Bow Valley is a Canadian natural resource company engaged in diversified activities, including exploration for and development of oil and gas, coal and minerals in twelve countries world-wide.

Indonesia is the site of most of the current Bow Valley activities in Southeast Asia. Through the acquisition of Syracuse Oils Limited in 1971, the company acquired interests in the Mentawai Block on the southwestern coast of Sumatra, as well as interests in the Karimata Strait east of Sumatra. These lands were explored without success and subsequently relinquished.

In 1972, Bow Valley was awarded a one-hundred percent interest in the Suban Jerigi onshore contract area containing 68,000 acres, in the south Palembang Basin of southern Sumatra. After drilling a number of successful but non-commercial wells, the Suban Jerigi property was surrendered in 1976 and the Jakarta office was closed.

In 1979, Bow Valley returned to Indonesia by obtaining a 40 percent interest in the Tempino and Corridor Blocks, which are near to the Suban Jerigi property previously held in south Sumatra. A commitment was made to spend approximately \$25 million, using modern seismic and stratigraphic techniques to seek new sources of oil and gas. These properties had already produced significant amounts of oil earlier this century.

In 1982, two significant new oil discoveries were made: the Ramba and the Tanjung Laban fields. Pertamina has approved a plan to develop the central portion of the Ramba field. Currently, approximately 9,000 barrels per day are being produced from both these fields, with the potential of 15,000 barrels per day by the end of 1984. In 1984, Bow Valley expects to invest \$37 million in south Sumatra for production facilities, as well as exploratory, development and delineation wells.

Much of the production will be transported by pipeline to the Plaju refinery, located at Palembang 75 miles southeast of the oil fields. Excess production may be directly exported.

Initial stages of facility and pipeline installation at the Bentayan field began

in 1983, and development will proceed if current testing proves successful. This field is also located in the Corridor Block north of the city of Palembang.

Under a twenty-year production sharing contract recently approved by Pertamina, a commitment was made to spend U.S. \$10 million per year on exploration work for six years to explore undeveloped acreage in the Corridor Block.

In 1983, the company acquired a 25 percent interest, and became the operator of a 3.2 million-acre exploration territory in the Java Sea. Over the next three years, Bow Valley will invest U.S. \$22 million in association with others to explore this block. As a result of the growing success and interest in Southeast Asia, Bow Valley established an office in Jakarta in April 1983.

In addition, other opportunities in Indonesia are currently being actively considered. As one example, Bow Valley Resource Services, a subsidiary of Bow Valley Industries, is presently drilling in Indonesia as an independent contractor in association with Indonesian partners.

Singapore has been the location of a permanent Bow Valley office since 1976, although a smaller base had been established there in 1973 for exploration in Vietnam. Bow Valley first acquired an interest in offshore blocks in Vietnamese waters in 1973. After two dry wells were drilled in 1979, Bow Valley allowed the

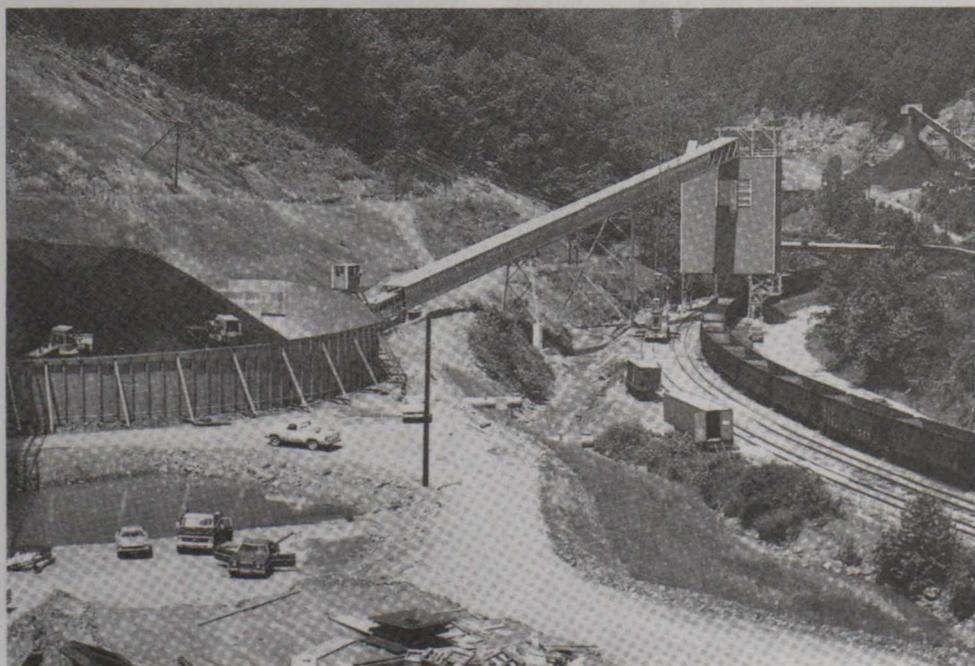
leases to expire.

With the expanded facilities in Singapore, Bow Valley was able to expand operations in Southeast Asia, and look at many opportunities in other countries.

During the 1976 to 1980 period, Bow Valley acquired offshore properties in the Philippines, in association with Filipino and Australian companies, and these lands are currently being explored by other companies. In addition, interests in properties in eastern Australia were acquired during the same period, and those are also being explored by other parties. With the recent discoveries on the Australian northwest shelf, there may be opportunities for further activity.

Bow Valley continues to monitor developments in Thailand. It is also observing the scene for opportunities that may appear in the People's Republic of China.

In general, through continuity and perseverance, Bow Valley has met with success in Southeast Asia. Building on that success, Bow Valley has hired as many ASEAN nationals as possible for administration in Singapore and Jakarta as well as operations in other centres. Currently 13 salaried employees are on staff in Southeast Asia. Bow Valley is committed to investing in long term prospects, and ensuring that ASEAN nationals will have a good opportunity with the company in the future.



Around the Region

PHILIPPINES

PETRO-CANADA Joins Philippine National Oil Company in Exploration Projects

Petro-Canada International Assistance Cooperation (PCIAC) recently completed drilling activities in the Cagayan Basin area in the Philippines in line with a cooperative agreement signed with the Philippine National Oil Company (PNOC) in May 1983. This venture required that Petro-Canada provide the import component, consisting of Canadian goods and services, and PNOC-Exploration Corporation (PNOC-EC) shoulder the peso cost of the drilling operations placed at \$3.6 million.

PCIAC's participation in the exploration of the onshore well is covered by the \$7.2 million grant aid for oil and gas explorations in the Philippines and focuses on the latest Canadian technological achievements in the oil and gas industry. This assistance was taken up during the successive visits to the Philippines of Canadian Prime Minister Pierre E. Trudeau and Minister for International Trade Gerald Regan in 1983.

The offshore exploration component of the project involves the use of the *Bernier*, Petro-Canada's first all-Canadian seismic vessel, in the acquisition, processing and interpretation of new seismic, magnetic and gravity data. The *Bernier* is the first Canadian-owned and operated seismic vessel to be designed and built in Canada. It is an innovative and sophisticated ship which incorporates the latest ideas and most modern designs in naval architecture, marine engineering and geophysics.

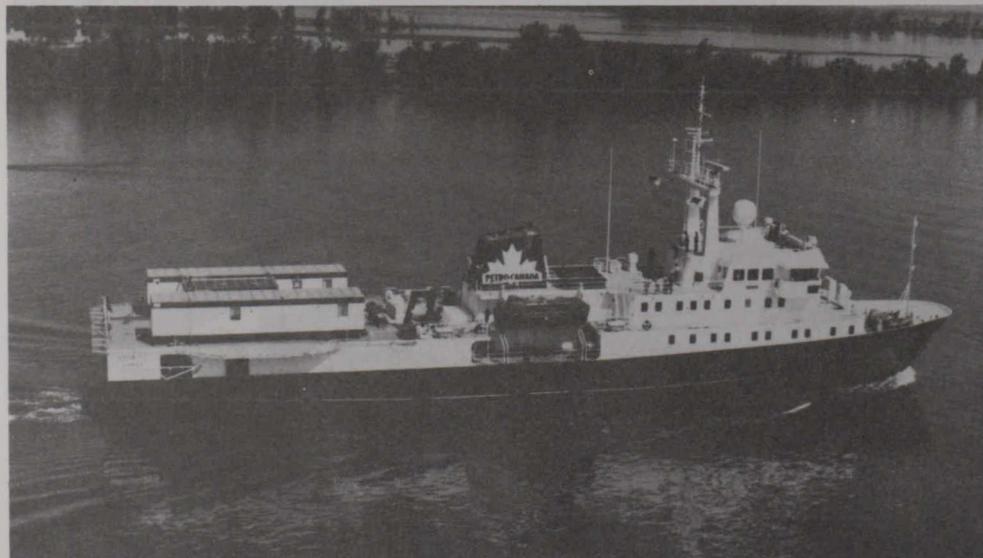
The vessel is presently conducting the sonic exploration of the Visayas in the Philippines. Its operations in the country is part of PCIAC's intention to contribute to the collection of new seismic data in the waters of Southeast Asia.

Petro-Canada International (PCI) is a subsidiary of Petro Canada, the national oil company. PCI was established in 1981 to put Canada's specialized exploration and energy substitution experience at the service of developing countries heavily dependant upon oil and gas imports.

Headed by Peter Towe, PCI works closely with the private sector, often acting as a catalyst to bring a more favourable climate for projects which might otherwise be overlooked by private interests. In Mr. Towe's words, "PCI becomes involved in pre-development or pre-exploration work such as survey and promotional assistance — the exploration of smaller oil and gas fields with lower financial rates of return — and technical assistance to improve the knowledge and technological base of national oil companies and their personnel."

PCI's funding is set at \$250 million over 5 years, a budget which requires PCI to concentrate its activities in a few selected countries in the ranks of the developing world.

PCI operates within the overall framework of the federal government's international development assistance programme and pursues goals commensurate with Canada's foreign aid objectives.



The Bernier, Petro-Canada's state-of-the-art seismic vessel, is now in the Philippines conducting a sonic exploration of the Visayan region.

Embassy Organizes Prestige Film Festival on Women

The Canadian Embassy in cooperation with the Women Writers in Media Now (WOMEN), the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW) and the Ayala Museum launched a Film Festival on Women 2-7 March 1984. This activity was formally opened by Canadian Ambassador Reg Dorrett who hosted a reception for 200 invited guests who attended a special screening of the controversial film, "Not A Love Story".

The public showings of the festival featured 5 other documentaries and 5 full-length features which focused on a number of issues that have confronted and involved women since the turn of the century — woman and her evolving dreams and roles, her successes and misfortunes at home, at work, in sports, among friends or adversaries. These films were "J.A. Martin Photographie," "Scream From Silence," "Cordelia," "Kamouraska," "Surfacing," "Your Move," "And They Lived Happily Ever After," "Doctor Woman," "Is It A Woman's World?" and "Moving Mountains."

The Canadian Film Festival on Women highlighted the International Women's Week celebrations of the WOMEN and the NCRFW.

Canadian Artists Tour the Philippines

Paul and Rima Brodie a husband-and-wife team of artists, visited the Philippines on 18-26 February in the course of a seven-nation tour of Asia and the Pacific. Paul, who is widely known as a concert saxophonist, performed at the Silliman University in Dumaguete City in the Visayas and the University of the Philippines and Maryknoll College in Manila. Rima, who is a noted fibre sculptor, brought along 22 of her works which were featured in a special exhibition at the University of the Philippines' Department of Clothing and Textiles.

Paul, in his crusade to elevate the status of the saxophone as a concert, and not merely a jazz, instrument, has played more than 1500 concerts around the world. He has recorded 25 albums of saxophone music, established a thriving private school in Toronto and helped create the World Saxophone Congress in the sixties.

At the University of the Philippines, he was featured as one of the visiting artists of the College of Music and was ably assisted by Rey Paguio of the famous U.P. Concert Chorus during his performance.

Canadian Executives Expand Consulting Services

The last year has been a very busy one for the Canadian Executive Service Overseas (CESO) in the Philippines. CESO is a unique institution that brings in Canadian technical experts to render consultancy work in private companies in the Philippines.

For the year 1983-84, there were a total of 48 requests for Canadian consultants from companies dealing with engineering, manufacturing, finance, mining, cargo forwarding, agriculture, cooperatives, food production and management. Of this figure, 30 projects have been completed, seven are ongoing and 11 are still awaiting volunteers from Canada.

Among those whose assignments are in progress are Charles Clifford on logistics/food packaging & distribution at San Miguel Corporation in Manila; Carl Cook on heavy equipment at Central Cement in Bulacan; and Thomas Bender on reorganization and training at Marcelo Steel in Manila.

Robin Fermor is working on vent feasibility at Lepanto Consolidated Mining in Benguet; Vernon Daughney on metallurgical engineering at Surigao Consolidated Mining in Surigao del



CESO's Carl Cook inspects work sites and holds on-the-job orientation at Central Cement in Bulacan Province, Philippines.

Norte; Frank Sellig on hydraulics and agricultural engineering at Gambos Hermanos Inc in Negros Occidental; and Russel McIntosh is providing assistance on mine planning at Lepanto Consolidated Mining.

There is also a firm commitment for Canadian experts to work in seven other projects to do with mining and mining design, woodwork, beef and cattle production, metallurgical engineering, tire re-treading and food production.

Embassy Provides Substantial Funding to Grassroots Development Projects



Ambassador Dorrett hands over the embassy's cheque donation to Ms. Teresa Nieva who accepted the assistance on behalf of the Bishops-Businessmen's Conference. Looking on are members of the Makati Police Association, Inc.

Canadian Ambassador to the Philippines Reg H. Dorrett recently turned over Canada's donations to various rural and community development projects in the country in simple ceremonies at the Embassy. These donations were made possible through the Embassy's Mission-Administered Fund (MAF) which provides seed money to local projects.

Since its start in 1976, this aid program has grown steadily, assisting close to a thousand projects in both the rural and urban areas of the Philippines. The program aims at providing the foundation by which communities can work toward improving their environment and achieving self-sufficiency.

This year, the MAF is extending assistance to some sixty projects and donated amounts range from a modest ₱1,000 to as much as ₱240,000. Projects being funded involve, to name a few, training seminars and workshops for the handicapped and the depressed sectors of the population, procurement of medical and work equipment, livestock raising and establishment of water systems in rural areas.

All figures in this publication are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise specified.

Major Agreements Signed during PM Prem's Visit

Tax Treaty Between Canada and Thailand

One of the most important developments arising from the visit to Canada of Prime Minister Prem was the signing of a Convention for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and The Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes between Canada and the Kingdom of Thailand. This constitutes a major breakthrough in encouraging enhanced economic activity between the two countries. The convention was signed on behalf of Canada by the Minister for International Trade, Mr. Gerald Regan, and on behalf of Thailand by the Foreign Minister, Air Chief Marshal Siddhi Savetsila.

The text of the convention is generally patterned on the model Double Taxation Convention prepared by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and adapted to reflect the special circumstances of the Thai-Canadian relationship.

The Convention provides ground-rules for Canadian and Thai taxes on non-residents with respect to dividends, branch profits, interest and royalties. The convention also provides for a limited number of exceptions in the case of dividends, interest and royalties. The agreement puts in place the last key element in the intergovernmental framework necessary to encourage trade, investment and joint ventures between Canada and Thailand.

In his remarks following the signing ceremony Prime Minister Trudeau described the agreement as "a major achievement in the establishment of trade and investment opportunities for Thai and Canadian businessmen".

The convention will enter into force upon the exchange of instruments of ratification and, in Canada, its provisions will generally apply to withholding taxes in the calendar year in which the convention is ratified. It will become effective for other taxes for taxation years commencing in the year of ratification.

Canadian Assistance for Research Institute

Thailand and Canada signed a \$5 million agreement to set up the Thailand Development Research Institute, a non-governmental organization expected to contribute significantly to Thailand's economic planning. The visiting Chairman of Thailand's National Economic and Social Development Board, Dr. Snoh Unakal, signed the agreement on behalf



General Prem Tinsulanond

of Thailand. William McWhinney, Vice-President of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) signed on behalf of Canada.

The TDRI's mandate is to focus on the analysis of key socio-economic issues and their long-term impact in Thailand. This research will contribute to the formulation of socio-economic policies which will be incorporated in Thailand's sixth and subsequent five year development plans.

The TDRI will stimulate and encourage existing Thai research institutions to participate more fully in national development plans and policy formulation.

CIDA, through an associated contract with the Ottawa-based Institute for Research on Public Policy, hopes to provide links between TDRI and a wide spectrum of Canadian institutions involved in long-term socio-economic research.

CIDA Support for Self-help Projects

A \$3 million agreement to improve the living standards of about 28,000 of the poorest people in northeast Thailand was also signed during Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanond's visit.

At a ceremony witnessed by General Prem and Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau, the visiting Minister of Foreign Affairs for Thailand, Air Chief Marshal Siddi Savetsila, signed the agreement on behalf of Thailand, while the Honourable Gerald Regan, Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, signed on behalf of Canada.

CIDA's contribution supports the innovative efforts of Thailand's largest non-governmental organization, the Population and Community Development Association (PDA), to help poor farmers to help themselves.

Northeast Thailand has the most difficult development problems in the country with an arid climate, high population growth, and a demonstrated need for improved social infrastructure. Of the 14 million people living below the poverty line in Thailand, more than half live in the northeast.

During the next five years, with CIDA's assistance, PDA will draw on its extensive network of permanent staff and 16,000 volunteers to encourage rural people to develop their region. Basic to PDA's philosophy is the full involvement of villagers in decisions about their own development.

The involvement of village committees in all stages of project decision-making will establish new structures at the local level for full participation in future selection and planning of projects.

Benefits to the villagers could take many forms. Where health is adversely affected by contaminated drinking water, funds will be used for sanitation projects and basic health instruction. Villagers will also receive advice on more effective ways to market their products once the project has helped them to increase their yields.

Humanitarian Aid for Cambodian Refugees

The Honourable Gerald Regan, Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced on 11 April, that Canada will provide \$900,000 in humanitarian assistance to Cambodians displaced by conflict in their own country.

Since the Vietnamese invasion of Cambodia in 1979, Thailand has borne the burden of a massive influx of some 800,000 Cambodians seeking refuge from the conflict. Although their number has been considerably reduced by repatriation and resettlement in other countries, there remain some 56,000 displaced Cambodians within Thailand, and 228,000 along the border between the two countries.

Canada, over the past years, has contributed \$27 million to the international effort to assist these displaced persons. The additional \$900,000 grant announced will be used by the Red Cross to provide medical, relief and protection services to Cambodians living in camps along the Thai side of the border.

Seminar Promotes Export Opportunities in Canada

The Thai Export Service Centre, in cooperation with Canada's Trade Facilitation Office, held a two-day seminar for Thai businessmen on export opportunities in Canada. The event took place on February 21 and 22 at the Hyatt Hotel in Bangkok.

The seminar featured key members of the Canadian business community, including representatives from large department stores, importers looking for Thai products for the Canadian market, and specialists in market-access questions. The seminar addressed both ways of doing business in Canada as well as specific opportunities and market conditions pertinent to Thai export capabilities. Individual appointments were arranged for the day following the seminar for businessmen wishing to meet with members of the Canadian team or with the Thai Trade Commissioner based in Canada.

The seminar was part of the ASEAN series sponsored by the Canadian Government under the Canada-ASEAN Economic Cooperation Agreement. The objective of the seminar was to foster the expansion of ASEAN exports to Canada and indeed, in recent months, ASEAN exporters have been successful in expanding their share of the Canadian market. In 1983, for instance, Thai exports to Canada nearly doubled over 1982, which was itself a near record year. New products were also introduced to the Canadian market, adding further possibilities for growth in a country where imports per capita are amongst the highest in the world.

Ottawa Firm Awarded Contract to Conduct Geophysical Survey

Minister for International Trade, the Honourable Gerald Regan, announced on 10 April in Ottawa that Kenting Earth Sciences has won a \$25 million contract to carry out a nationwide airborne geophysical survey for mineral resources in Thailand. Funding for the survey awarded to Kenting is provided by a loan to Thailand from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) the multilateral agency based in Manila, Philippines.

In speaking of the Canadian company's achievement, Minister Regan said, "I am particularly proud of Kenting's success since this is the largest contract ever awarded in any country to perform airborne geophysical survey for mineral resources. Furthermore, under strict international tendering procedures, this Canadian-owned company has won against competition from the world's

Gala Evening to Re-establish Thai-Canadian Association Proves Great Success

In the early sixties, Dr. Arkom Sorasuchart, who received his medical degree from the University of Toronto, was a founding member of the Thai-Canadian Association. Unfortunately, after many years of involvement in bettering Canadian-Thai relations, the Association gradually became inactive.

That inactivity ceased last January 20 when Dr. Arkom, now a Member of Parliament for Bangkok, was one of the driving forces, along with UBC graduate Dr. Charuay Boonyubol of Chulalongkorn's Faculty of Engineering, behind the re-establishment of the Thai-Canadian Association. Over 100 people attended a gala dinner/meeting to re-establish the Association at the Erawan Hotel, and judging by the turnout, and the enthusiasm of the participants, the time was certainly ripe for re-establishment of the Association.

Those who attended the meeting were genuinely delighted to meet old friends again and discuss the future of the Association. There were many colourful and entertaining speeches by the participants. Perhaps the most important accomplishment as far as concerns the future of the Association was the election of a temporary executive working committee which was tasked with the job of setting up the infrastructure of the Association.

The election of the temporary committee was a lively affair and eventually

ten Thais and two Canadians were chosen to be members of the board with Dr. Arkom serving as chairman of the committee.

The first task of the committee was to review the charter of the original Association to see if it needed to be amended and to begin a membership drive to attract new members and find old ones. The rapid increase in recent years of the number of Thais going to Canada to study, on training programs, or to do business or just on holidays should make the task an easy one for the temporary Committee.

The broad goals of the Association are to generally promote friendship and understanding between Canada and Thailand at all levels. More specifically, however, the Association hopes to be able to keep its members, and anyone else interested, up-to-date on developments in Canada; increase investment and commercial contacts; encourage more Thais to go to Canada (hopefully even establish a scholarship fund); and also act as a conduit to develop links between Canadian and Thai institutions of all kinds.

Editor's Note: Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Association can contact the Thai-Canadian Association c/o the Canadian Embassy, Boonmitr Building, 138 Silom Road, P.O. Box 2090, Bangkok.



Seen here from left to right are Khunying Chindana, H.E. Ambassador Paynter, Mrs. Paynter and Dr. Arkom reminiscing about Canadian winters!

major aerial survey firms."

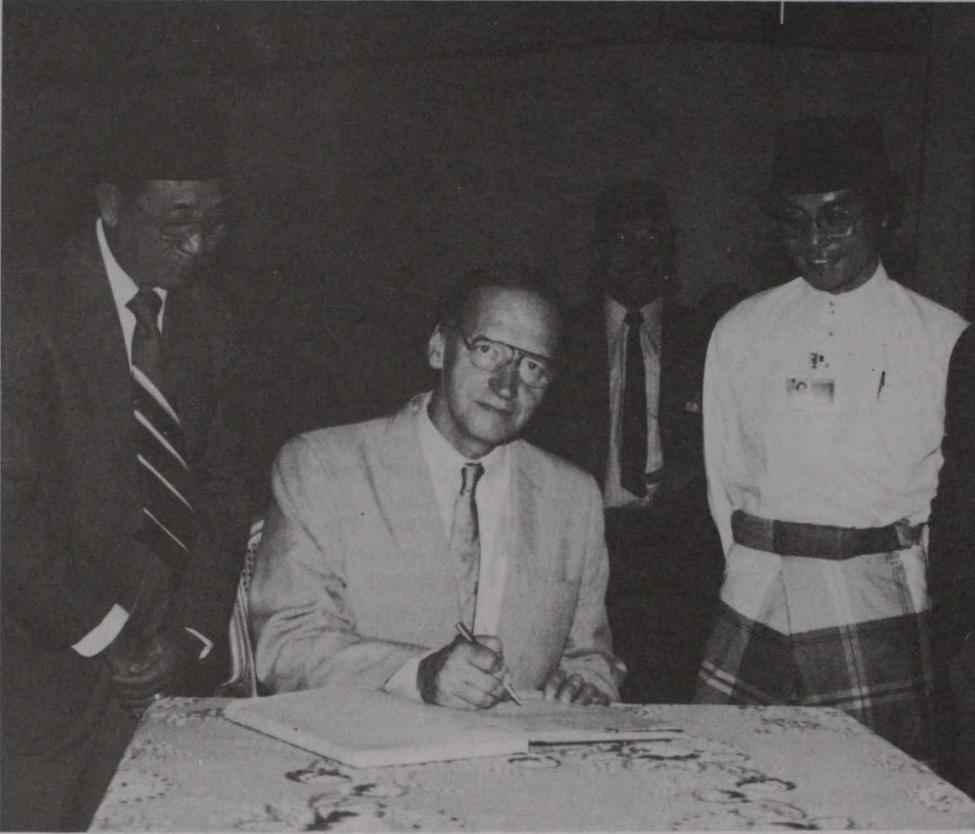
The Kenting contract is the largest ever won from the ADB by Canadian company and is more than double the value of all contracts awarded by the bank to Canadian firms in 1983.

Separate from the ADB Loan, CIDA has provided a \$10.7 million technical assistance grant that will help the Department of Mineral Resources to implement

effectively the results of the airborne survey.

Kenting Earth Sciences Ltd is an Ottawa-based company whose crews have worked in 85 countries and have flown over 25 million kilometers of airborne geophysical surveys. The firm is a wholly-owned subsidiary of TRIMAC Ltd. whose headquarters are in Calgary, Alberta.

International Trade Minister Regan Attends Independence Celebrations



The Honourable Gerald Regan, Minister for International Trade, signs the guest book as Brunei Government officials look on.

In one of the best attended international celebrations in recent years, ASEAN's newest member, Negara Brunei Darussalam, marked its achievement of full independence on 23, 24 and 25 February.

Canada's representative among the seventy countries attending the celebrations was the Minister for International Trade, The Honourable Gerald Regan. Minister Regan was accompanied by his wife Carol, the Canadian High Commissioner to Malaysia and Brunei and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles John Small, and a member of the Canadian House of Commons and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. William Yurko.

The celebrations began on the morning of 23 February with a marching display in the National Stadium and a speech by His Majesty Sultan Muda Hassanal Bolkiah. That evening, Minister Regan and the Canadian delegation were the guests of His Majesty at a royal banquet, held in the impressive new Istana.

The following morning, Mr. Regan viewed a military display by land, sea and air wings of the Brunei Armed Forces. Mr. Regan concluded his visit with a call on the Minister of Affairs, Prince Mohammad Bolkiah, and the presentation of a Canadian tapestry as Canada's independence gift to Brunei.

INDONESIA

Embassy's Trade Promotion Initiatives Pursued in Several Indonesian Centres

On February 1, 1984 in Semarang and two weeks later in Bandung, the Canadian Embassy in Jakarta organized Canada Trade Promotion Seminars in conjunction with the local Chambers of Commerce (KADIN). These follow similar events held in Surabaya and Medan in 1982, with the objective to "open the door" to introduce the Embassy to the business communities of major commercial and industrial sectors outside of Jakarta.

In effect, the seminars provided the catalyst that led to mini "Canada Days" in each city. Maldwyn Thomas, Canada's Ambassador to Indonesia, co-timed his first official visits to both cities with the seminars, to meet with high-level government officials and visit a number of private firms in the region. The Embassy's Cultural Affairs Section concurrently held successful film evenings at local universities.

Semarang is the capital of Central Java, a largely agriculturally-oriented province with a population the size of Canada. Ambitious plans however call

for the creation of industrial centres at Semarang and at Cilicap, on the south coast of Java. It was therefore not surprising that a good portion of the



Canadian Ambassador Maldwyn Thomas addressing the trade seminar held in Bandung on February 13, 1984.

125 participants at the Semarang seminar focused on Central Java's interest to attract Canadian investors or joint-venture partners to the province, particularly in the agricultural, food processing and housing sectors.

Bandung is Indonesia's third largest city after Jakarta and Surabaya and the capital of the province of West Java. It is also the centre of Indonesia's high-technology and textile industries. Eighty representatives from the private sector, government and associations provided for a lively discussion on import and industrial cooperation opportunities, especially in the electronics and telecommunication sectors.

The seminars achieved the main objectives in establishing links with business enterprises not centralized in Jakarta and the Embassy is now in the process of following up on the many contacts made in both cities. It is expected that this format will be continued with seminars in Ujung Pandang and Manado in late 1984 or early 1985.

Canadian Government Seminars to Promote Indonesian Exports to Canada

Attract 300 Participants

The Canadian Trade Facilitation Office (TFO) recently held a series of seminars in Indonesia which attracted over 300 Indonesian manufacturers, exporters and trading houses.

The Indonesian Seminars were part of an ASEAN series sponsored by the TFO under the Canada-ASEAN Economic Cooperation Agreement. At the time of their April 1983 meeting, the ASEAN community tabled a memorandum requesting Canadian assistance for their trade promotion activities. The Canadian side through its Trade Facilitation Office proposed a series of seminars to increase the awareness in ASEAN of Canada as an export market which would ultimately result in increased exports from ASEAN to Canada and hopefully

redress the present trade imbalance.

The Seminars which were held in Jakarta, March 6-9 and Surabaya, March 12-15 featured key members of the Canadian business community: Mr. Richard Freeman, Merchandise Manager for Woodward Stores Ltd.; Mr. Gerry Wright, President of Clayton Wright International; Mr. Carl Diersen, Import Manager for National Importers Ltd.; Mr. James Mathewson, President of Import Bazaar; Mr. David Nelson, President of Asean Sales Inc. and Mr. M. Claypole of Revenue Canada.

The program addressed ways of doing business in Canada as well as specific opportunities and market conditions pertinent to Indonesian export capabilities. Topics which were covered

included the Canadian Retail Industry, selling furniture to Canada, giftware & handicrafts in Canada, tariffs and documentation and Canada's generalised system of preferences (GSP).

The Indonesian Chamber of Commerce (KADIN) and the National Agency for Export Development (NAFED), both worked closely with the TFO to organize these seminars and attract as wide an audience as possible.

While the seminars were held just very recently, it was learned that at least one Canadian firm will be importing for the first time ratan furniture from Surabaya. If samples are up to promised quality, this single export item will probably reach \$500,000 before the end of this year.

Canadian Interest in Indonesia's Geological Survey

A Canadian mission of 11 firms specializing in the manufacturing and service aspects of the geological/geophysical sector visited Indonesia recently to introduce the latest in Canadian technology to this country.

A seminar was organized in Bandung on January 16 for 75 staff members of the four directorates that comprise Indonesia's Geological Survey. In addition, a separate seminar was also held later that day by Phoenix Geophysics, one of the mission members, for the geophysicists from the Survey's Mineral Resources Directorate.

One of the specific objectives of the mission was to familiarize the Canadian participants with the parameters of the expansion and upgrading program at Indonesia's Geological Survey which will be financed under an Asian Development Bank (ADB) loan.

Individual mission members were successful in meeting potential agents and in renewing contacts established during previous visits to this market.

Specific interest was expressed in the mapping and geological computer programming services offered by Data-plotting from Toronto and discussions are now proceeding to look at a cooperative agreement with the Computer Services Branch of the Survey.

Great interest was also expressed both in Bandung and Jakarta for the groundwater instrumentation equipment manufactured by Westbay Instruments, since saltwater seepage in Jakarta and Semarang is becoming an area of increasing concern in Indonesia.



LINES, CIRCLES AND SQUARES, a collection of 26 abstract prints and drawings by 19 Canadian artists, continued its ASEAN tour with exhibitions at two major galleries in Jakarta and Surabaya. The Jakarta Arts Institute hosted the exhibit at its campus gallery from March 12 to 19. Mr. D. Djajakusuma, Dean of the Arts Faculty and Mrs. Hildawati Siddhartha, Head of the Arts Department, Jakarta Institute of the Arts, are seen joining Embassy Counsellor Jon J. Scott in touring the exhibit at the opening ceremony.

Senior Canadian Fund Managers Visit Jakarta

A delegation of several major Canadian investment firms visited Indonesia from February 16-18, 1984. The Canadian group, consisting of seven senior portfolio managers of large pension funds, was headed by Mr. Donald Pangman, Vice-President of Brown, Baldwin, Nisker Ltd., a leading Canadian Investment dealer based in Toronto.

While in Jakarta, the Investment Mission was received by senior officials of Pertamina (the state-owned national oil company) as well as by Caltex (the largest foreign oil operator in Indonesia) and Sceptre Resources. The latter, a Calgary-based oil operator, sponsored a reception for the mission members to meet officials of several major oil companies.

A luncheon address was also made

by the mission to the Canadian Businessmen's Club regarding investment opportunities in Canada and how they pertained to the oil and gas industry.

On Saturday, February 18, the mission members flew to Palembang, South Sumatra in order to review the Ramba oil field facilities of Asamera (South Sumatra) Ltd. Asamera recently discovered substantial oil reservoirs in the Corridor Block, with estimates of over 167 million barrels.

The Canadian Investment Mission, whose companies have assets in excess of \$10 billion under management, was primarily interested in obtaining an appreciation of the overall political, economic and operational environment for investment in the Indonesian oil and gas industry.

MALAYSIA

Federal and Provincial Trade Ministers Visit

As Canada's commercial links with ASEAN expand, they have received increasing attention from Canadian ministers. In February, the Malaysian Government hosted visits from three Canadian Trade and Industry Ministers, representing the Federal Government in Ottawa and the two westernmost provinces, Alberta and British Columbia.

Int'l Trade Minister Regan

The Honourable Gerald Regan, Canadian Minister for International Trade, visited Kuala Lumpur on 22 February. He held talks with Malaysian Finance Minister Tengku Razaleigh concerning the status of a major project to supply boilers for Phase II of the Port Kelang thermal power station. Minister Regan emphasized the technical and financial competitiveness of the Canadian bid by Babcock and Wilcox of Cambridge, Ontario.

Minister Regan also called on Encik Daud bin Isahak, Director General of Telecommunications, to discuss Canadian participation in subscriber radio, PABX, and Customer automated service system projects.

BC Minister Phillips

The Honourable Don M. Phillips, British Columbia Minister of Industry, visited Kuching, Penang and Kuala Lumpur from 17-20 February. The purpose of Minister Phillips' visit was to explore bilateral investment opportunities, and share experience with Malaysian managers in the forestry, petroleum, and manufacturing sectors. Both British Columbia and Malaysia are major timber and energy exporters to the Pacific region. The technology that has been developed in British Columbia to extract these new materials could help Malaysians expand their own resource-based industries.

In Kuala Lumpur, Minister Phillips met Minister of Primary Industries, Datuk Paul Leong, Chairman of the Malaysian Timber Industry Board, Tan Sri Rama Iyer and Chairman of Petronas, Tan Sri Abdullah Salleh.

As a provincial cabinet member, Minister Phillips was also keen to compare notes with his state counterparts. In Kuching, he met Sarawak Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Taib Mahmud, and in Penang, Chief Minister Dr. Lim Cheong Eu, reciprocating the visit Dr. Lim had paid previously to British Columbia.



Alberta Minister of International Trade Horst Schmid meets Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir.

Alta Minister Schmid

The Honourable Horst Schmid, Minister of International Trade for the Province of Alberta, visited Kuala Lumpur from 26 February to 2 March. Minister Schmid was accompanied by six businessmen representing Alberta's capabilities in petroleum, communications, and general engineering.

In his meetings with the Malaysian Petroleum Industry, as well as with a number of Federal Cabinet Ministers, Minister Schmid promoted joint venture projects based on Albertan expertise that would be particularly relevant to Malaysia. These included a rice harvester/dryer, a root trainer for reforestation, core hospital design, petrochemical and drilling/processing equipment.

As a follow-up to his October 1981 visit, Minister Schmid's trade mission helped consolidate ties between Malaysian and Alberta industry. A concrete expression of these ties was the invitation extended to Malaysia to send individuals for petroleum industry training in Alberta.

Large Loan to Malaysia Syndicated by Canadian Banks

The Malaysian Government has recently signed a large Canadian Dollar loan. The eight-year loan, worth \$150 million Canadian (\$271 million Malaysian) was provided by a consortium of nine Canadian banks. This was the first time that Malaysia has borrowed from Canada and was also one of the very few occasions when an Asian borrower has tapped the regional Canadian syndicated credit market.

Datuk Sabbaruddin Chik, the Malaysian Deputy Finance Minister, said that the speed with which Malaysia was able to raise a loan in a totally new market was a clear indication of the excellent regard and confidence the Canadian financial community placed on the country's high crediting. He also said that the terms of the loan are the finest terms ever by any international borrower in the Canadian market.

Canadian Financing for Sabah Pulp and Paper Project

The Honourable Gerald Regan, Minister for International Trade, has announced a US\$143.7 million financing agreement to support the sale of Canadian goods and services for the South Sabah Pulp and Paper project in Malaysia. The announcement was made on the occasion of the official visit to Canada of the Malaysian Prime Minister, Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad and his delegation of officials and businessmen.

The project, totalling US\$324.5 million, will be built by a consortium led by Klockner-Stadler Hurter Ltd. (KSH) of Montreal Klockner Industrie Anlagen GmbH of Germany, and Voest-Alpine AG (VOEST) of Austria are the other members.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) loan supports the Canadian portion of the contract. The German and Austrian portions are receiving similar support from the export credit agencies of Germany and Austria.

The sale is expected to generate about 4,000 person-years of employment at Klockner-Stadler Hurter Ltd. and its sub-suppliers.

The buyer is Sabah Forest Industries Sdn. Berhad, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.

Mr. Regan said "My visit to Malaysia in May, 1983 leading a trade mission of some 40 Canadian businessmen was a follow-up to Prime Minister Trudeau's earlier ASEAN tour. I am pleased that our combined efforts have contributed to the successful conclusion of negotiations for this very important project."

In the last few years there has been a notable strengthening of the bilateral relationships between Malaysia and Canada, including a mutual interest in commercial opportunities. This significant project should serve to focus additional Canadian interest on Malaysia and to encourage Canadian companies to look towards Malaysia regarding new investment and commercial opportunities.

The project, situated near Sipitang on the island of Borneo, will involve the construction and commissioning of a pulp and paper mill and associated facilities.

Mr. Gerry van de Weert, President of KSH said "This award is very satisfying in that, under intense pressure from international competition, the work and effort put in by our consortium, by EDC and officials of External Affairs has proved successful. This contract will provide a major boost to the Canadian engineering and pulp and paper equipment manufacturing industries, as well as help open the door for future Canadian exports to Malaysia."

Dramatist Interprets Universal Childhood Experience for ASEAN Audiences

For the past seven years, Canadian drama teacher Dr. David Kemp has been collecting poems and prose to dramatize the universal experiences of childhood. Professor Kemp has assembled these pieces into a one-man show entitled "A Child Growing Up" which he recently performed in Kuala Lumpur, Singapore and Jakarta.

The show consists of children's own stories and adult reminiscences of childhood, both by famous authors such as Dylan Thomas and ordinary citizens, such as the tales from the great depression collected by Canadian anthologist Barry Broadfoot.

Professor Kemp's flair for accents and his stage presence brings these readings alive. His gift is to make a childhood memoir from Toronto over fifty years ago seem familiar to contemporary audiences on the other side of the world. Professor Kemp's show is adaptable to audiences of all ages and sizes.

In ASEAN, his appearances ranged from a small workshop with Malaysian students at a local college to a major performance at the Singapore World Trade Centre.

Professor Kemp's current tour, which is supported by Canada's Dept of External Affairs, began in Europe last autumn. He finishes this April in New Zealand, at which point he will return to his home in Kingston, Ontario to resume his everyday life as Professor of Drama at Queens University.



Professor David Kemp making a dramatic point.

Malaysian Translators Seek Canadian Expertise

The Government of Canada is one of the few in the world that operates officially not in one language but two: English and French. In the course of the last twenty years as bilingualism has been introduced into the public service, Canada has developed a considerable expertise in dealing with translation problems.

Canadians have found that this expertise is eagerly sought by other developing countries. Many have bilingualism problems of their own in translating publications in the former colonial language (usually English or French) into their own national language. Recently, the Malaysian Translators Association approached the Canadian High Commission for such advice.

Through our Mission Administered Fund, the High Commission was able to sponsor a visit to Malaysia by one of the world's foremost experts on automatic translation, Professor Brian Harris of the University of Ottawa. At the Association's request, Professor Harris delivered a paper to their annual conference on the workings of Canada's Government Bureau of Translation that implements our bilingualism policies. The Malaysian Translators Association hopes to sponsor the creation of a similar bureau in the Malaysian Government, to build up Malaysian expertise in translating foreign and local English language publications into the national language, Bahasa Malaysia.

SINGAPORE

Provincial Ministers Phillips of BC and Schmid of Alta seek Trade and Investment opportunities

The Hon. Don Phillips, British Columbia's Minister of Industry came away from his first visit to the region impressed with the number and quality of investment and trade opportunities in Southeast Asia.

Visiting Singapore in February, Minister Phillips headed a group of six BC companies exhibiting at the 5th Offshore Southeast Asia Trade Show.

While the oil and gas exhibition provided a special focus to the trip to Singapore, Minister Phillips had several general objectives in mind for his visit to the region:

- * to create closer economic cooperation between British Columbia and three important Pacific Rim partners;
- * to investigate opportunities for industrial cooperation and sale of British Columbia goods and services; and
- * to become familiar with major resource and other industrial develop-

ments of importance and interest to British Columbia.

During his brief stay in Singapore, Mr. Phillips met with the Minister of State for Trade and Industry, Dr. Wong Kwei Cheong, and Mr. P.Y. Hwang, Chairman of the Economic Development Board, as well as representatives from various industrial sectors.

The Honourable Horst Schmid, Alberta Minister of International Trade, led a mission of 19 Alberta companies to the 5th Offshore Southeast Asia Trade Show. The Minister is a frequent visitor to Singapore which serves as a regional centre for many Alberta based companies involved in the Oil and Gas industry.

Nine Ontario and six British Columbia companies also participated in the show. All told the three provincial groups made up the largest Canadian industrial participation in any trade show in Asia.

Saxophonist Visits Singapore

Canadian saxophonist Paul Brodie and his wife Rima visited Singapore February 3-12 as part of their seven nation tour of Asia and the Pacific. The visit was highlighted by a performance with the Singapore Polytechnic and the Far Eastern Academy Concert Bands at the Singapore Conference Hall. At that concert, he not only demonstrated his immense talent as a saxophonist but used the opportunity to relate a brief history of the instrument from its beginning in the mid-19th century to the present.

Apart from providing some of the sweetest saxophone music ever heard by Singaporean audiences, Mr. Brodie successfully conveyed his message that the saxophone which was first created for classical music has a significant role to play as a classical instrument as well as a jazz or rock instrument.

The Brodies' visit to Singapore was organised by the Far Eastern Academy with assistance from the Canadian High Commission.

Air Services Scheduled to begin January 1985

The agreement gives Singapore Airlines (SIA) rights to fly both the Atlantic and Pacific routes, flying to Toronto and/or Montreal via the Atlantic and Vancouver via the Pacific.

Flights over the Atlantic may start immediately after the formal signing of the agreement. Air Canada already has bilateral arrangements in place to permit extending its services from Toronto through London and Bombay to Singapore.

Services via the Pacific may however be delayed up to 18 months after the signing, pending resolution of passenger and transit rights at intermediate points between Vancouver and Singapore.

Under the terms of the agreement, the designated Canadian carriers may fly on their respective routes to a maximum 5 intermediate points to Singapore and one further point beyond.

Singapore Airlines has received rights to operate through 5 intermediate points to Toronto and/or Montreal and one point beyond in the United States on the

Atlantic route. Across the Pacific, SIA can operate through five intermediate points to Vancouver and to two points beyond in the United States.

The agreement provides for round the world air cargo services by the airlines of both countries.

Air Canada's plans now envisage operating L-1011's across the Atlantic and on to Singapore via Europe and South Asia. CP Air will likely use B-747 equipment which it now operates on its current service to Hong Kong from Vancouver.

Both Singapore and Canadian officials are optimistic that easier flight connections will foster the growth of tourist and business travel between the two countries. In 1983, more than 25,000 Canadians visited Singapore on vacation or business.

When flights begin in 1985, Singapore will be the first ASEAN member served direct by Canadian carriers, so strengthening Singapore's role as a gateway for Canadian visitors to the ASEAN region.

Singapore Environment Officials Learn from Canada's Experience in Handling Hazardous Wastes

Three officials from Singapore's Ministry of Environment will visit Canada in June to learn from Canadian experience in the handling and treatment of hazardous wastes.

The visit is sponsored by the Canadian Government with Canada's Department of Environment in Ottawa working closely with provincial ministries in Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia to develop a comprehensive two-week program.

The trip will start in Montreal, Quebec, with a visit to the new hazardous wastes treatment centre. The group will then proceed to Canada's capital, Ottawa, to discuss with officials of the Department of Environment federal legislation relating to air and water-borne pollutants and their cross-boundary movement; and to discuss with the National Health and Wealth Department the legislation for the protection of the health of the Canada's population.

The group will then travel through the highly industrialized province of Ontario to look at some of the specific types of hazardous wastes produced by Canadian industry and how they are detected and dealt with.

The Singapore officials will then visit the province of Alberta to look at the monitoring, detection and handling of air-borne petrochemical refinery wastes which are mainly sulphur-based.

The last stop will be Vancouver where the officials will examine a cooperative organization in which all

Vancouver-based oil companies participate in the handling of hydrocarbon spills.

Canada has a great deal of experience to offer Singapore in meeting the challenge of protecting the local environment from hazardous wastes. Despite rapid industrialization over the past several decades, Canada has managed to maintain a clean and healthy environment through development of technology and procedures for detection and handling of dangerous wastes and by judicious development and implementation of practical legislation applicable to Canadian industry.

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CIDA Proposal for Int'l Savings Bank Info Centre

Ronald Leger, Director, International Non-governmental Organisations Division of CIDA, participated in the 14th World Congress of Savings Banks which was organised by the International Savings Bank Institute (ISBI) in Singapore 2-5 April.

Mr. Leger delivered a paper on "International Development through Cooperation", responding to a presentation given by Dr. Abdul Aziz Taha, Governor of the Malaysian Central Bank.

Agreeing with Dr. Taha's contention that mobilization of domestic savings as essential to economic development, Mr. Leger noted that Singapore was a prime example of a country which had reached an enviable state of economic development largely by means of harnessing the savings of its citizens.

Mr. Leger suggested that one of the greatest challenges facing the international banking community was to invent, stimulate, and promote savings schemes so that the vast majorities of the world's rural population in developing countries could feed themselves. In Leger's words, "international monetary stability cannot survive on the empty stomachs of the world's poor".

As a means of stimulating greater activity in promoting domestic savings, Mr. Leger proposed that an International Rural Savings and Investment Centre be established to facilitate research, training, and exchange of information and experience among developed and developing countries.

Mr. Leger's proposal was very much in keeping with CIDA's belief that the ISBI should assume a more active advocacy role in promoting institutional reform for economic and social development. CIDA has been the prime supporter of the ISBI's training and exchange programs since these activities began.

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