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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TAKES PART
IN OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY OF THE
LAD KRABANG REMOTE SENSING STATION

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, will participate in the official opening of the Lad Krabang Remote Sensing Station in Thailand, Saturday, July 9. He will accompany Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn who will preside at the ceremony.

The station is equipped with the latest in technology for the reception, recording, processing and analysis of satellite data for the management of Thailand's natural resources. "Canada has internationally recognized expertise in all facets of remote sensing, including the equipment to receive images, processing equipment and software to analyze the data for decision-making purposes," said Mr. Clark.

Using equipment from MacDonald Dettwiler and Associates Ltd., of Richmond, British Columbia, the National Research Council in Thailand built this Remote Sensing Station in 1982. Since then, Canada has provided training programs through DIGIM Inc., a division of Lavalin Inc. of Montréal. In 1986, MacDonald Dettwiler undertook a complete equipment upgrade of the station, funded by a \$12.3 million contribution from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

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In honour of His Majesty the King of Thailand's forty-third year of reign, Mr. Clark also announced that CIDA will provide Khon Kaen University with a complete remote sensing processing unit from MacDonald Dettwiler worth approximately \$1 million. Thailand is experimenting with various geographic information systems and possible applications for this technology in managing its natural resources. It is currently selling data received by its station to many South and South-east Asian countries.