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STANDARDIZING THE KADAZAN LANGUAGE

A significant percentage of the population of the Malaysian state of Sabah uses three of the 20 Kadazan dialects spoken by Sabah's indigenous people. Despite this fact, basic education, health and public services are usually not provided in the vernacular.

This problem will soon be remedied, as under Malaysia's language legislation, Kadazan is to be taught in Sabah's primary schools from 1990. A curriculum and resource material must be developed now so that teachers may be trained before this deadline. The biggest hurdle facing educationists is that although most of the 20 dialects are mutually intelligible, there are no standards for written Kadazan.

The Canadian High Commission recently contributed \$12,000 to the Kadazan Cultural Association to facilitate a symposium on the standardization of the Kadazan language. More than 90 people participated in the symposium, including linguists, researchers, educators, agricultural workers, health and social development officers, journalists and politicians.

Standardization will facilitate the provision of rural extension programs and develop a greater sense of unity among the Kadazan people, who are in danger of losing their cultural heritage in which their rich oral tradition figures prominently. The symposium was designed to lay the groundwork for language standardization, including agreeing on a common dialect and developing methods for its extension.

Canada has a great deal of experience with the challenges of cultural diversity, and has much to share with and learn from Malaysia.



Y.B. Datuk Bernard Dompok, Minister of Finance, Sabah State Government, and Organizing Chairman Mr Wilfred Tangau at the Kadazan Language Standardization Workshop

Ministers of Education Meet in Malacca

On January 12-13, 1989, Ministers and senior officials of Ministries of Education from member countries of SEAMEO — the South-East Asian Ministers of Education Organization — and from observer countries met in Malacca, Malaysia. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the vital issues facing international education. The meeting was chaired by Mr Anwar Ibrahim, the Minister of Education, Malaysia.

The Canadian delegation was led by Mr Loyola Hearn, Minister of Education of the Province of Newfoundland. Also included were representatives of the Department of External Affairs, the Association of Universities and Colleges and the Association of Community Colleges of Canada.

SEAMEO operates a number of centres and projects in member countries. Regular conferences are held to update members on the progress of these projects and discuss avenues of cooperation.

Canada has traditionally taken a keen interest in international education, and has taken great pride in the high standards of instruction it offers to increasing numbers of foreign students every year. SEAMEO is one of the many avenues by which Canada shares its education expertise with the countries of South-East Asia.

CANADA



Prime Minister
of Canada,
Mr Brian Mulroney

NEW CANADIAN FEDERAL CABINET

The Government of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney was re-elected in the general election of November 21, 1988. Mr Mulroney is the leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, which won 168 of the 295 seats in the House of Commons. The Liberal Party, led by Mr John Turner, won 83 seats, while the New Democratic Party, headed by Mr Edward Broadbent, won 43 seats. There is one vacancy, following the sudden death of a member a few days after the election.

On January 30, 1989, Prime Minister Mulroney announced the membership of Canada's new Federal Cabinet. They are, in order of precedence:

1. Brian Mulroney, Prime Minister
2. Joe Clark, External Affairs
3. John Crosbie, International Trade
4. Don Mazankowski, Deputy Prime Minister; Agriculture; President of Queen's Privy Council
5. Elmer MacKay, Public Works; Minister for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency
6. Jake Epp, Energy, Mines and Resources
7. Robert de Cotret, Treasury Board
8. Perrin Beatty, Health and Welfare
9. Michael Wilson, Finance
10. Harvie Andre, Regional Industrial Expansion; Minister of State (Science and Technology)
11. Otto Jelinek, National Revenue
12. Tom Siddon, Fisheries and Oceans
13. Charles Mayer, Western Economic Diversification; Minister of State (Grains and Oilseeds)
14. Bill McKnight, Defence
15. Benoit Bouchard, Transport
16. Marcel Masse, Communications
17. Barbara McDougall, Employment and Immigration
18. Gerald Merrithew, Veterans Affairs
19. Monique Vezeina, Minister of State (Employment and Immigration); Minister of State (Seniors)
20. Frank Oberle, Minister of State (Forestry)
21. Lowell Murray, Government Leader in the Senate; Minister of State (Federal-Provincial Relations)
22. Paul Dick, Supply and Services
23. Pierre Cadieux, Indian Affairs and Northern Development
24. Jean Charest, Minister of State (Youth); Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sports); Deputy Leader of the Government in the Commons
25. Tom Hockin, Minister of State (Small Businesses and Tourism)
26. Monique Landry, External Relations
27. Bernard Valcourt, Consumer and Corporate Affairs
28. Gerry Weiner, Secretary of State; Minister of State (Multiculturalism and Citizenship)
29. Doug Lewis, Justice; Attorney General; Leader of the Government in the Commons
30. Pierre Blais, Solicitor General; Minister of State (Agriculture)
31. Lucien Bouchard, Environment
32. John McDermid, Minister of State (Privatization and Regulatory Affairs)
33. Shirley Martin, Minister of State (Transport)
34. Mary Collins, Associate Defence Minister
35. Alan Redway, Minister of State (Housing)
36. William Winegard, Minister of State (Science and Technology)
37. Kim Campbell, Minister of State (Indian Affairs and Northern Development)
38. Jean Corbeil, Labor
39. Gilles Loiselle, Minister of State (Finance)

DEVELOPMENT

Canada Sponsors Bookbinding Workshop

The Canadian High Commission in Malaysia has contributed more than \$17,000 to the Syarikat Kerjasama Serbaguna Kaum Ibu, a cooperative run entirely by women in the village of Lubuk Batu in Kedah State. The Canada Fund contribution will enable the cooperative to purchase equipment to establish a bookbinding workshop.

Until now, the cooperative had concentrated on agricultural projects complementary to its rural setting, such as cattle breeding, tobacco farming and rice cultivation.

The cooperative's first bookbinding contract is

with the Universiti Utara Malaysia, which will involve a working group of 20 women.

The contribution will also facilitate the printing of handbooks on operating bookbinding workshops and managing small businesses.

The project offers an opportunity not only to supplement farming income, but also provide skills development to both young people and mothers.

High Commissioner Garrett Lambert presenting the Canada Fund contribution to Puan Barishah Saad, Chairperson of the Syarikat Serbaguna Kaum Ibu cooperative



Canadian Ambassador L.A.H. Smith presenting a cheque to Dr Krasae Chanawongse, Director of the ASEAN Training Centre for Primary Health Care Development. Looking on is Jeannette Adair, ASEAN-Canada Fund Coordinator

ASEAN-Canada Fund Activities in Brief

The ASEAN-Canada Fund supports a wide range of activities. The recent projects sponsored by the Fund included the following:

- As part of its ongoing training program, the ASEAN Training Centre for Primary Health Care Development (Thailand) developed a series of training modules designed to provide mid-level management training for project officers working in the primary health care field.

- The Bangkok regional office of Disabled People's International held a well-attended leadership training seminar entitled "Equalization of Opportunities". Training workshops addressed a diverse range of issues, including increasing disabled women's participation in society, and developing strategic and operational plans which would contribute towards policy changes which are sensitive to the needs of the regional disabled community.

- Asian experts in children's issues, including their rights, education, nutrition and health, came together to attend a symposium organized by the Foundation for Children of Thailand. After reviewing the present situation in Asian countries and field trips to innovative FFC project sites, participants worked together to develop a plan outlining new directions and program possibilities.

- The Philippine-based Agricultural Economics Society South-East Asia (AESSEA) met to discuss strategies for increased regional cooperation and for rural industrialization. In a 10-point resolution, AESSEA urged member countries to promote agro-industrial integration while formulating policies to attract foreign investment into the agro-based sectors through favourable pricing regimes, tax and fiscal incentives, rural infrastructures and other basic support facilities.

Warm Welcome for Canadian Ambassador in Southeast Sulawesi

H.E. Jack Whittleton, Canadian Ambassador to Indonesia, visited Southeast Sulawesi on December 9-13, 1988. The purpose of his visit was to learn more about the province and about CIDA's development activities there.

Southeast Sulawesi is an underdeveloped, sparsely populated (1.25 million) province. The population relies mostly on subsistence agriculture. However, efforts are being made to introduce cash crops such as cocoa into the province, as well as to develop the fisheries.

CIDA has had continuous involvement in the development of the province since 1974, when it carried out the first Eastern Indonesia Regional Development Study.

Currently, Canadian involvement in the province is primarily focussed on the Sulawesi Regional Development Project (SRDP), which features rural integrated area development and technical assistance to regional planning. The SRDP, which is implemented by the University of Guelph and the Indonesian Government commenced operations in 1984 in both South and Southeast Sulawesi provinces. The project is funded by a CIDA contribution of \$21 million, which is matched by approximately the same amount of development funds from the Government of Indonesia. In 1989, the project will be extended into a second five-year phase, which will also include activities in the North and Central Sulawesi provinces.

During his visit, Ambassador Whittleton was accompanied by Provincial Governor Ir. H. Alala, the speaker of the Provincial House of Representatives and several other high-ranking provincial officials.

Wherever he went, the Ambassador was warmly welcomed by villagers and schoolchildren waving homemade Indonesian and Canadian flags. This unique welcome reflected the special relationship Canada has developed with this part of Indonesia over the years.



CANADIAN AMBASSADOR ADDRESSES REGIONAL FISHERIES MEET

The inaugural meeting of the Western Pacific Fisheries Consultative Committee (WPFCC) was held on December 15-17, 1988, in Manila. The WPFCC is an initiative of the Philippines to promote fisheries cooperation among ASEAN states and the Pacific Island Nations which share common fisheries resources.

Noting the need for coordinated efforts to effectively manage such a critical resource, the Canadian Government contributed \$60,000 towards the inaugural meeting. The amount came from a grant of almost half a million dollars for the promotion of fisheries cooperation in the Pacific over the next three years.

In his speech to the 40 member-participants of the WPFCC and observers from other regional fisheries organizations, Canadian Ambassador Russell Davidson stressed Canada's support for the promotion of fisheries management and cooperation. He also cited the important role of the Philippine Department of Agriculture in providing staff and logistical support for the Committee Secretariat.

The inaugural event was hosted by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, and coordinated by the Inland Resources Development Corporation.



Ambassador Davidson addressing the inaugural meeting of the WPFCC. Also in the picture is Dr Gordon Munro, Economics Professor at the University of British Columbia and Pacific Economic Cooperation Conference Fisheries Taskforce Coordinator

LIVESTOCK PROJECT IN JAVA

On November 22, 1988, Indonesian Minister of Agriculture Wardoyo and the Canadian Ambassador Jack Whittleton inaugurated the Yogyakarta Animal Disease Investigation Centre (DIC) in central Java. The inauguration was attended by representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture and the provincial government, the directors of all DICs in Indonesia, and representatives from the livestock industry.

The DIC in Yogyakarta represents the culmination of the collaborative efforts of Indonesia and Canada since May 1984. The Government of Indonesia has contributed approximately \$2 million for the land, construction of administrative buildings and housing for the staff, as well as operating and maintenance costs. Canada provided a contribution of approximately \$9 million to cover the cost of the construction and equipment of the laboratory, training of the DIC staff in Indonesia and Canada, and the provision of long and short-term technical assistance.

Livestock production is becoming increasingly important in the Indonesian agriculture industry, as a source of protein for the rising Indonesian population, 70% of which live in Java.

The DIC is a focal point in Java and



Madura for the surveillance and prevention of animal disease under the direction of the Directorate General of Livestock Services in the Ministry of Agriculture. It will thus contribute to improving the collection, dissemination and general exchange of information on livestock diseases and their control, in coordination with provincial livestock services and livestock owners.

Minister Wardoyo in discussion with Dr William Nagge and Mrs Nagge. Dr Nagge was the project manager until December 1988, under contract with the Ontario Ministry for Food and Agriculture, the Canadian executing agency for the project

CANADIAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN IRIAN JAYA

The Canada Fund for Local Initiatives is a mission-administered program which focusses on small projects at the grassroots level through collaboration with local NGOs. All Canada Fund projects have an element of local participation through which communities can develop and strengthen their self-reliance. Particular emphasis is placed on strengthening women's participation in development and on human resource development.

The Indonesian province of Irian Jaya, with its delicate mixture of tribal and modern life, has become a focus for these training activities.

In November 1988, Canadian Ambassador Jack Whittleton travelled to Irian Jaya accompanied by Syarifah A. Hasanudin, who helps administer the Canada Fund at the Embassy. One objective of the visit was to assess the progress of several small projects which being are financed through a block rural grant arrangement with a local NGO, The Irian Jaya Rural Community Development Foundation (YPMD).

Ambassador Whittleton and Ms Hasanudin visited a basket-weaving and pillar-making project near the capital, Jayapura. Canada has contributed Rp2,000,000 (about \$1,425) to this enterprise, which now has 130 members and has generated much needed local revenue.

A visit was also made to Agats, a village in the south which is the main centre of the Asmat tribe. Environmental protection is the focus this project. Canada has provided Rp8,000,000 (about \$5,000) to pay for the training of 30 people in the conservation of forest resources.

Through these and many other small projects, Canada hopes contribute to the development of the region, while respecting local norms and customs. This year, the Embassy expects to devote 15% of the Canada Fund to small projects to underline our continuing commitment to this important province of Indonesia.

A WAY OF LIFE CONTINUES

The Indonesian Government has focussed a great deal of attention on bringing basic education, health care and administration to Irian Jaya. For its part, the Canadian Government has supported both large and small development projects in this remote province which forms the western half of the island of Papua New Guinea.

Despite the efforts of various aid-giving agencies, in some places, though not all, life goes on pretty much as one would expect it did hundreds, even thousands of years ago. This presents development challenges of a scale and nature not always appreciated by outsiders.

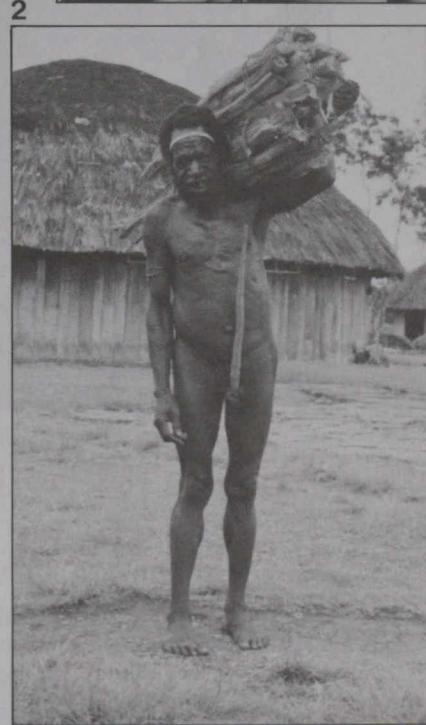
During a visit to Irian Jaya, R. Mank, Second Secretary at the Canadian Embassy in Jakarta, managed to capture on film glimpses of what everyday life can be like for the Dani tribe in the interior highlands.



1. Dani women assume their traditional roles at a very young age. Here a prepubescent girl carries her younger brother in a sack which, typically, is tied around her head. Despite the cool climate, clothing for women is rudimentary, comprising grass skirts for single women and cloth skirts for those who are married

2. A Dani tribesman carrying wood which he will rely upon for cooking and heating. Again, despite cool temperatures, he wears only the traditional penis sheath, called a Koteka

3. This Dani woman is mourning the death of her brother. The tradition of caking the body with mud during the month-long mourning period is still carefully observed, as is, in some cases, the practice of cutting off a finger during the period



Canada World Youth in Thailand

In 1988, Canada World Youth conducted a very successful program in Thailand. Recently, Mr Tawee Srikrumkran of the Community Development Department of Thailand and Mr Georges Menard of the Canadian Embassy visited one of CWY's three project sites, Tasamrong Village in the Phitsanuloke province. During this inspection visit, they were briefed on the project activities. The Canadian Embassy also donated books to the village. Picture shows the visitors being shown around the village. From left: Village Headman Mr Po Jumeka; Tara Scales, CWY participant from Ontario, Canada; Mr Georges Menard; Kannika Chuaynai, CWY participant; and Mr Tawee Srikrumkran.



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TRAINING FOR THAI DMR

Deputy Director-General of the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR). Charoen Piancharoen, recently presented certificates to 63 DMR and three Chulalongkorn University staff members for successfully completing a training program in the use of geophysics for mineral exploration. The program was sponsored by CIDA under DMR's Mineral Resources Development Project. The course was presented by the firm of Paterson, Grant and Watson Ltd and arranged by SNC Inc., executing agency for a \$10 million CIDA assistance to DMR. Photo shows Mr Piancharoen presenting a certificate to Mr Chaikarl Chairangsee. Seated, right, is Mr David Yasui, CIDA First Secretary Development.

Alberta Minister Visits Indonesia

Larry Shaben, Alberta Minister for Economic Development and Trade, accompanied by senior officials of his Department, visited Indonesia last October.

Like Indonesia, Alberta is a major oil and gas producing region and a number of Alberta firms have been active in Indonesia with some 17 of them presently having permanent offices locally.

While in Indonesia, Mr Shaben helped lay a foundation stone for the start of construction of the Batam International Training Centre. The Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, heading a consortium of companies, will provide the buildings, equipment, curriculum and instruction over a period of seven years. Training will be delivered in specialized fields relating to the oil and gas sector.

Minister Shaben also had the opportunity to meet with a number of high-ranking officials. He is seen here being greeted by Admiral (Ret) Sudomo, Coordinating Minister for Political Affairs and Security. Bringing up the rear are M. Rasmussen, Assistant Deputy Minister, and C.A. Harrington, Vice-President Operations of SAIT.



Canadian Manufacturers Visit Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand

Under the sponsorship of CIDA, 15 prominent Canadian manufacturing companies, representing a broad spectrum of Canadian industrial activity, visited Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand in November 1988. The mission was organized by the Canadian Manufacturers Association (CMA). This visit marked the fourth consecutive year that this event has taken place.

The objective of the CMA mission was to explore opportunities for industrial cooperation with and technology transfer to the three host countries. The delegation was led by Mr David Brothers, Group Director for LeBlanc International.

The companies selected for participation were prominent suppliers of equipment to the telecommunications, forestry, mining, power, health care, agro-industry, and oil and gas sectors. The range of companies was intended to reflect the region's specific priorities for economic growth, while drawing upon the broad base of industrial excellence available from Canada in these sectors.

While in Singapore, the CMA signed a memorandum of understanding with its counterpart organization, the Singapore Manufacturers Association. Making good use of the timing of the mission, LeBlanc International officially opened a joint-venture manufacturing plant in Singapore. The local



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operation, Jennis and LeBlanc Communications Asia Pte Ltd, will manufacture communication towers for the South-East Asia and Middle East markets. Even prior to the official opening, \$600,000 worth of contracts had been signed with customers.

In Malaysia, the CMA signed a cooperation agreement with the Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers. The agreement will facilitate industrial cooperation between the two countries. Mission members found their visit to Malaysia to be particularly encouraging, and many indicated their intention to return to Malaysia for follow-up meetings on joint venture and trade opportunities identified during their stay.

During their stay in Bangkok, mission members were fully occupied with a series of meetings

Mr David Brothers, leader of the CMA mission to South-East Asia, and Mr Ghazali Yusoff, Vice-president of the Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers, at the signing ceremony of the CMA-FMM cooperation agreement, November 7, 1988

with public and private sector bodies arranged in cooperation with the Federation of Thai Industries.

The CMA is a national organization with a membership of 5,000 manufacturers, accounting for 80% of Canada's total manufactured goods. The association seeks to promote the development of mutually advantageous industrial cooperation between Canadian and overseas companies, and has a successful record in its close work with its counterpart bodies in South-East Asia.

Alberta Minister Visits Thailand

The Honourable James Horsman, Alberta's Minister for Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs, visited Thailand January 17-21. During his visit he called on Commerce Minister Subin Pinkhayan for an exchange of views on the Multilateral Trade Negotiations and Cairns Group developments. He also visited Chulalongkorn University, where he presented a cheque of \$10,000 in support of the Canadian Studies Program. The photograph shows Chulalongkorn president Dr Charas Suwanwela accepting the cheque from Minister Horsman.



TRADE UPDATE

■ Senior officers of the Malaysian Armed Forces, led by Army Chief General Dato' Yaacob bin Mohamed Zain, visited Canada for two weeks in December to broaden bilateral defence relations and learn about Canada's defence and high technology capabilities. Accompanying them were Colonel John Bremner, the Canadian Forces Advisor in Kuala Lumpur, and Mark Romoff, Trade Counsellor at the Canadian High Commission. The defence mission visited six major Canadian cities in five provinces, and met with 79 defence product suppliers. They were also met by John Jansen, Minister of International Business and Immigration of British Columbia, Alan Lacey, Minister of Commerce and Technology of New Brunswick, and a number of senior officials of the governments of Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec.

■ The Canadian Embassy recently conducted a trade presentation in Manila before the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry. At the presentation, Murray Oppertshauer, Immigration Counsellor at the Embassy, provided background on Canada's immigration policy. Canadian Ambassador R.H. Davidson and Trade Counsellor David McNamara followed with a perspective of Canada-Philippines relations and their continuing growth, and development through cooperative activities with organizations such as the Chamber.

■ Willowglen Systems Limited has been awarded a US\$6.5 million contract to provide a lift monitoring system to Singapore's Housing Development Board (HDB). This is the second contract awarded to the Calgary-based electronic design and manufacturing company by HDB. The company's first contract with Singapore's largest public housing developer and builder goes back to 1983. Willowglen set up its regional marketing office in Singapore in 1984.

■ On November 16, 1988, Gulf Canada signed its third production sharing agreement in Malaysia in 13 months. The agreement, with Petronas Carigali and Sun International, involves development of three oil and gas concessions, two off the coast of Peninsular Malaysia and one in Sabah. Mr Keith Caldwell, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Gulf Canada, commented that Malaysia was a priority on his company's list of international opportunities based on the geological potential, as well as the



Malaysian Government's positive attitude to foreign investment.

■ The first trade mission ever to Thailand from the Canadian province of Nova Scotia was in Bangkok in late November 1988, as part of a three-country Asian tour. The mission, jointly sponsored by the Halifax World Trade Centre and the Canadian Exporters Association, was led by the Honourable Ken Streach, Nova Scotia's

Mr Keith Caldwell (far right), Vice President of Gulf Canada, and Tan Sri Datuk Azizan Zainul Abidin, President of Petronas, at the signing of the production agreement

Minister of Mines and Energy. Representatives from six companies made up the mission. While in Bangkok, Minister Streach also called on Mr Banharn Silpa-Archa, Thailand's Minister of Industry.



Thai-Canadian Business Club

The Thai-Canadian Business Club held its inaugural luncheon on January 12, 1989. Minister attached to the Prime Minister's Office, Mr Korn Dabbaransi, was the guest speaker at the event which attracted 150 Thais and Canadians who were interested in expanding the commercial relationship between the two countries. Two-way trade between Thailand and Canada is expected to reach \$600 million in 1989.

Minister Korn began his career, upon graduation from an American university in 1969, as a Commercial Officer in the Canadian Embassy in Bangkok. In his present capacity, he is responsible for the Board of Investment and the Tourism Authority of Thailand, as well as for the coordination of Thailand's energy policy.

Minister Korn is shown second from left with Canadian Ambassador L.A.H. Smith, David Solloway, General Manager, Canadian Airlines and President, Thai-Canadian Business Club, and Natee Thongdee, a member of the Club's executive committee.

CANADA SUPPORTS INFOFISH

At a ceremony on February 17, 1989, Canada's High Commissioner to Malaysia, Garrett Lambert, presented a cheque to the Director of INFOFISH, Mr Henri de Saram, signifying Canada's support for this independent Kuala Lumpur-based intergovernmental organization. Canada will contribute \$186,000 over a three-year period to INFOFISH to assist in strengthening and expanding its program activities.

INFOFISH provides private sector organizations in member countries in the Asia-Pacific region with services to support their fish trade activities. This includes a fisheries marketing information service, a trade promotion service to facilitate contact between member country suppliers and fish/fish product buyers worldwide, and a technical advisory service covering such areas as fish processing, quality control, product development and plant design.

From the standpoint of Canadian private sector interests, an important feature is the equipment register maintained by INFOFISH. This register lists suppliers of fisheries equipment, a database upon which organizations in member states can draw in sourcing their equipment requirements. In order to appear in the registry, interested suppliers should provide INFOFISH with copies of their equipment catalogues.

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High Commissioner Lambert presenting the cheque to INFOFISH Director Henri de Saram



At the presentation ceremony. From left: Mr Chew Chan Ying, General Manager of Computer Engineering Systems; Mr Lim Chin Beng; Mr Peter Crombie; and High Commissioner Sean Brady

SIA INSTALLS \$625,000 CAD SYSTEM

Singapore International Airlines (SIA) has successfully implemented a state-of-the-art computer-aided design (CAD) product called "Mountain Top" from Accugraph Corporation of Toronto. The system was formally handed over to the deputy chairman of SIA, Mr Lim Chin Beng, on November 9, 1988, in a ceremony attended by High Commissioner for Canada Mr Sean Brady and Chairman of Accugraph Mr Peter Crombie.

Accugraph is particularly pleased that SIA has agreed to be a reference account, with result that other regional airlines (including Thai International and Cathay Pacific) are already interested in the system. There are also excellent prospects for follow-up sales to SIA.

Accugraph's "Mountain Top" has a wide range of applications within SIA. This system is also penetrating the architectural planning and design market in Singapore. At least one of Singapore's new office towers was designed with this system.

The success of Accugraph efforts in Singapore is partly due to their participation in Singapore Informatics, a major regional computer hardware and software show, in 1986 and 1987. The company was one of the largest and most impressive exhibitors in the Canadian National Pavilion. Partly as a result of this exposure, Accugraph attracted the attention of Singapore's largest system house Computer Engineering Systems Pte Ltd, which is now Accugraph's local representative.

Singapore Buys State-of-the-Art Software

Husband and wife team, Grahame Shannon, President of Coastdesign Inc., and Shirley Young, came to Singapore for a sales promotion seminar from October 14-18, 1988.

The seminar on state-of-the-art Canadian-developed software packages — AutoSHIP, a PC-based hull design and fairing program, and AutoGHS, a powerful and sophisticated ship hydrostatics program for commercial Naval architects — was received with great enthusiasm by local ship architects, shipyards and tertiary institutions. Three sales valued at US\$30,900 were made immediately after the seminar, and three more sales are very likely to be closed during the next two months. In addition, a local educational institution has expressed interest

in buying the licence for 20 packages.

Mr Denis Comeau, Counsellor (Commercial/Economic), Canadian High Commission, Singapore, said that the Coastdesign sale was but one of the success stories of the Canadian IT marketing efforts in Singapore. He added that seminars such as the one conducted by Coastdesign Inc. are an important marketing tool for Canadian companies wanting to capture the highly sophisticated Singapore Information Technology (IT) market.

The Canadian High Commission regularly assists in identifying and inviting potential customers, agencies, distributors and institutions on behalf of Canadian companies.

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE



Datin Khariah Khairuddin, Project Coordinator at the SKOSS batik training workshop, briefing High Commissioner Garrett Lambert on the batik production process.

Batik Training for the Socially Handicapped

The next time you are tempted by one of the colourful hand-painted batik T-shirts offered by Malaysia Airlines' in-flight shopping service, you might want to keep in mind that your purchase will assist more than the airlines' corporate profits. The shirts are one of the many products of the batik training workshop of the Sang Kancil Organization of Social Services (SKOSS).

The setting up of the training workshop in Petaling Jaya, just outside Kuala Lumpur, was partially funded by the Canadian High Commission's Canada Fund. A grant of \$27,689 has facilitated the establishment of this centre to train physically and socially handicapped persons in basic batik making. The trainees, the majority of whom are women, also undergo a small business operations course.

In the long term, the project is aimed at enabling trainees to set up their own home-based batik industries, to make individual and group presentations on the craft, as well as to join vocational schools as trainers.

SKOSS used the Canada Fund contribution to purchase batik-making equipment, make some structural improvements to the workshop, and publish training manuals. This equipment will help enable the workshop to become self-supporting, through the sale of their products, which include, in addition to T-shirts, batik cloth lengths, scarves, wall-hangings and household items.



All-Terrain Vehicles in Disaster Relief

The Canadian built all-terrain vehicle, ARGO, has proved invaluable in providing disaster relief during the Malaysian monsoon season. Last year, the Canadian High Commission donated two of the vehicles to the Malaysian Red Crescent Society to increase the society's disaster preparedness capacity.

Malaysia experiences severe monsoon seasons at least twice a year, and the monsoon of late 1988 were particularly severe. Our photograph shows one of the ARGOS at work, evacuating children from a school near Kuala Lumpur which was inundated by flash floods.



CANADIAN APPLES BRING CHEER

B.C. Fruits Ltd, Canada's leading apple grower, was recently in Manila to distribute 100 cases of B.C. Royal Canadian Brand Delicious apple to the Council of Welfare Agencies Foundation and two other non-governmental organizations working with children, Anak and Kaibigan. On hand to assist B.C. Fruits President Jamie Kidston was Mrs Jennifer Davidson, wife of the Canadian Ambassador the Philippines.

CANADA SUPPORTS CREDIT LINE FOR TYPHOON UNSANG VICTIMS



Canadian Ambassador R.H. Davidson and Planters Development Bank President Jesus Tanbunting signing the credit line agreement. Witnessing the events are Canada Fund Coordinator Jojo Deles and Jesus Tirona, General Manager for GFSME, and representatives of the four NGOs who will receive the loan

Responding to the devastation inflicted by Typhoon Unsang when it swept through the Philippines in late October, the Canadian Embassy, in cooperation with the Planters Development Bank (PDP), has opened a Php 10 million line of credit for the victims. Canada's contribution, through the Embassy's Canada Fund, was Php 5 million, matched by the PDP's contribution.

The fund will be loaned to four non-governmental organizations working in the areas most affected by the disaster. The NGOs will relend the fund to individual beneficiaries and associations. The participating NGOs are the Agency for Community Education Services in Nueva Ecija, the Shanley-

Austin Foundation in Quezon, Social Action Center of the Diocese of Nueva Caceres in Camarines Sur, and the Leyte Economic Development Foundation in Leyte.

Under the same scheme, the PDB funds are guaranteed by the Guarantee Fund for Small and Medium Enterprise (GFSME).

According to PDB President Jesus Tanbunting, this is the first time PDB is utilizing NGOs as a conduit for credit to small rural-based borrowers. He sees this as an important move that could serve as a model for delivering credit services to farmers and fishermen.



CANADA GRANT FOR THAI FLOOD RELIEF

Canada's Ambassador to Thailand, L.A.H. Smith, is pictured presenting a cheque of \$25,000 to Dr Kasem Suwanagul, Secretary General of the Thai Red Cross Society. Looking on are, from left, Colleen Swords, Jake Buhler, Boonyat Veesakul and student nurses of the Thai Red Cross Hospital.

The Canada Fund grant will be used to purchase medicines and household equipment for victims of flooding in Thailand's southern provinces. Canada has pledged a total of \$95,000 for flood relief in Thailand.

WOMEN'S ISSUES

CAMPAIGN KIT TO COMBAT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

As part of the continuing efforts of Malaysian women's groups to devise practical and effective strategies and tools to improve the living conditions and status of women, the All Women's Action Society of Malaysia (AWAM) has produced a campaign kit designed to help combat violence against women. The production of the kit was made possible through a grant by the Canadian High Commission's Canada Fund, which also helped finance a series of four seminars to assist groups to use the kits effectively.

The launching of this kit culminates a two-year effort undertaken mainly by volunteers. This and other related projects are designed to inform, educate and disseminate information to create greater public



The campaign kit produced by the All Women's Action Society of Malaysia to combat violence against women

awareness of the role of women in society, and to bring about attitudinal changes to create equality in status and opportunities between men and women.

The kit itself is designed to be both pragmatic and innovative, with an easy to understand format which will prove invaluable not only to organized women's groups, but also to individuals at the grassroots level, who are the ultimate beneficiaries of projects such as this.

RADIO FOR DEVELOPMENT

The first Radio Production for Development Workshop included participants from Canada, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and India



Throughout the world, the media are the major sources of both information and education for a great proportion of the population and, therefore, play a key role in raising the awareness of both individuals and communities about major developmental concerns.

Recognizing this fact, the Kuala Lumpur-based Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD), in cooperation with the Ryerson International Development Centre of Toronto and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), launched a \$4.8 million project to establish Development Broadcasting Units (DBUs) in rural areas. The function of these units is to produce programs focussing on three development themes: women in development, the environment and human settlements.

Subsequently, to assist in the production of development broadcasting programs, the three partner organizations sponsored a workshop in Kuala Lumpur from January 23 to February 3, 1989. The workshop brought together participants from Papua New Guinea, India and Indonesia, as well as Canadian resource persons. This was the first time that practitioners of development broadcasting have met in this manner to share their radio broadcasting production experience.

With its comparatively small population scattered over a very large geographical area, Canada has developed an expertise in rural communications that is particularly applicable to development broadcasting.

EDUCATION

Indonesian Open University Staff Receive Canadian Awards

Twenty-seven staff members of Indonesia's Open University (Universitas Terbuka (UT)) received awards for graduate studies in Canada, in a special ceremony at UT's Jakarta campus on January 31, 1989. The event was the first of its kind held on a campus overseas by Simon Fraser University (SFU) of British Columbia. The awards involved Masters degrees in Education earned at SFU.

The UT staff members have been going to Canada on fellowships under a three-year, \$3 million development project funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), in cooperation with the Open Learning Agency of British Columbia, SFU and UT. The project also aims to contribute to the development of UT by assisting with staff training, implementing computerized systems for student enrol-

ment and examinations, and producing course materials. It is part of Canada's \$53.5 million development program in Indonesia during 1988-89.

The colourful awards ceremony began with an academic procession of UT students and SFU faculty, accompanied by taped bagpipe music by the SFU pipe band. Dr William Saywell presented the awards, assisted by other Canadians visiting for the occasion, notably Academic Vice President Dr George Ivany, professor Emeritus and Project Director Dr John Ellis, Professor of Education Dr Thomas O'Shea, and Administrator Ms Kay Pearson, all of SFU. Mr Ed Carlin, Advisor from the Open Learning Agency, also participated in the presentation ceremony. Dr Sigit Moeljono, Assistant Rector, headed the UT representatives, while Mr Oetomo

Djajanegara represented Indonesia's Directorate General of Higher Education. After the ceremony, the graduates and guests were joined by family members and friends at a buffet luncheon.

H.E. Jack Whittleton, Canada's Ambassador to Indonesia, was among the speakers at the ceremony. Nothing the achievements of UT during its first five years, Ambassador Whittleton said, "The Canadian Government is pleased to be associated with UT's initial success. The Canada-Indonesia development cooperation program has among its objectives to strengthen the skilled personnel needed for Indonesia's national development. It also seeks to create new linkages between our two countries at all levels — government, institutions, individual citizens."

Endau-Rompin — A Malaysian Heritage

The Canadian High Commission in Malaysia, through its Canada Fund for Local Initiatives, was the single largest sponsor of the Malayan Nature Society's (MNS) publication "Endau-Rompin — A Malaysian Heritage". This handsome hardcover book is the second phase of the MNS's Endau-Rompin project, named after a 92,000 hectare nature zone which straddles the Johor and Pahang states. The first phase was the year-long Endau-Rompin expedition, a Government-sponsored project to establish a conservation inventory of the region. The society would like to see Endau-Rompin become a national park.

The book is the first of its kind produced by a Malaysian non-governmental organization. Contributors to the book comprised noted botanists, ecologists and environmentalists who were involved in Phase 1 of the project. The photography is of extremely high quality, most of it done by amateurs and MNS members.

The objectives of the book were not limited to the documentation of the expedition and the raising of the project's profile. It also underlines the importance of striking a balance between development and the environment, and the need to place more emphasis on prevention through conservation rather than on curative mea-



Tunku Abdul Rahman, the first Prime Minister of Malaysia and patron of the Endau-Rompin expedition, autographs a copy of "Endau-Rompin — A Malaysian Heritage" for Canadian High Commission Development Counsellor Anne Sutherland

asures, a development priority of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), which finances the Canada Fund.

As a result of the project, the MNS has been approached by the Johor and Pahang state governments to assist in the formulation of park management and development plans for the Endau-Rompin area.

IN UNIFORM

THAI-CANADA ANTI-DRUG COOPERATION CONTINUES

Colonel Kongrich accepting the Certificate of Appreciation from Commissioner Inkster. Looking on are, from left, Gen. Sawaeng Theerasawat, Deputy Director General, Royal Thai Police; General Pow Sarasin, Director General, Royal Thai Police; Deputy Commissioner Henry Jensen, Royal Canadian Mounted Police; Liaison Officer Ken Kelly, RCMP, Bangkok



During the 57th Interpol General Assembly in Bangkok in November 1988, Commissioner Norman Inkster of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police presented a certificate of appreciation to Colonel Komgrich Patpongpanit of the Royal Thai Police for his outstanding contribution in a joint Thai-Canadian drug investigation. The investigation resulted in the seizure of over 50 pounds of first-grade heroin and the arrests of several persons in Thailand and Canada.

During the presentation ceremony at the Dusit Thani Hotel, Commissioner Inkster emphasized the importance of international cooperation in our fight to eradicate the illegal drugs trade. "This case," he said, "is the finest

example of this cooperation and a model for the international police community."

The Thais are deservedly proud of their role in the investigation. Following this investigation, a feature had appeared in the Bangkok Post headlined "The RCMP Always Gets Their Man — With a Little Help from Their Friends".

During the General Assembly, Commissioner Inkster was also successful in his bid to win a seat on the Executive Committee of Interpol. He was elected as Vice-President for the Americas by an overwhelming majority.

CANADIAN SUCCESS AT SINGAPORE INFORMATICS '88



Singapore Informatics '88, the largest computer hardware and software show in South-East Asia, attracted a total of 600 exhibitors from 28 countries. There were seven national pavilions, including one from Canada which comprised eight Canadian companies. Close to 100,000 visitors attended the show which was held in December.

The Canadian participants included Asia Communications Inc. (Tian Ma 2 Chinese Wordprocessing System), Gemini Technology (IBM AT compatible PC and EGA, VGA chips), Sydney Development Corp. (X.400), Software B.C. (an association representing 93 British Columbia software companies), Resort System (hotel and leisure industry software), Vancouver Community College (corporate and professional training software), Cognos ("Powerhouse" productivity tool), and Accugraph ("Mountain Top" CAD system).

Feedback from the Canadian participants was very positive. In addition to on-site sales of \$5,000, follow-up sales over the next 12 months are estimated at \$3.6 million, with 41 "serious" enquiries, 24 agency/distributorship offers and one agency appointment.

The Counsellor for Commercial Affairs at the Canadian High Commission in Singapore said these successes will be reinforced by a top-level Singapore Information Technology (IT) buyers mission scheduled for May 1989 which will travel to major Canadian cities.

DEFENCE ASIA '88

Following the overwhelming success of the inaugural event in March 1987, Defence Asia '88 was held for the second time in Bangkok from December 13-16, 1988. Eight thousand visitors attended the show.

Canadian participation included the Canadian Government Information Booth and individual stands from Canadian Marconi,

Canadian High Commissioner Sean Brady and Singapore's Minister of Finance Dr Richard Hu meeting with Mr Peter Zandarn, President of Resort Systems Inc. Looking on are Mr John Wong, Managing Director of IBM Singapore and Chairman of the Singapore Federation of Computer Industries, (extreme left) and Mr Stanley Lee, General Manager of Dataquip (S) Pte Ltd



Dash 8 Makes Thai Aviation History

On December 18, 1988, the Dash 8 Series 100 became the first plane ever to fly Bangkok-Chiang Rai-Bangkok. Boeing de Havilland of Canada is one of the contenders to replace Thai International's fleet of SHORT airplanes for domestic routes. Chiang Rai, Thailand's northernmost city, is fast becoming a popular tourist destination, but air connections to Chiang Rai currently can only be made through nearby Chiang Mai. The historic nature of the Dash 8 flight received wide press coverage. The photograph shows Derek Nice, Regional Sales Manager, (left) and Alan Hubble, Director, International Sales, Boeing de Havilland, being greeted on arrival in Chiang Rai by the Provincial Governor, Banasit Salabsang, and Mrs Salabsang, with Robert Vanderloo, Counsellor (Commercial), Canadian Embassy, Bangkok.

The 2nd ASEAN Science and Technology Week

CAE Electronics and Canadair. Approximately 50 Canadian suppliers of defence-related products sent their brochures to be displayed and distributed at the Canadian Information Booth. The Canadian Embassy hosted a luncheon reception which was attended by over 80 defence products agents and senior ranking officials.

The exhibitors were very satisfied with the results achieved and indicated that they participate in the next show.

THE BOEING DASH 8 VISITS MALAYSIA

The Canadian-made Dash 8 airliner, manufactured by the de Havilland Division of Boeing Canada Ltd, was demonstrated at Kuala Lumpur in December 1988. Officials of Malaysia Airlines (MAS), Pelangi Air, Malaysian Helicopter Services (MHS), the Department of Civil Aviation and the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) participated in the demonstration of this aircraft which is designed for use on regional routes.

A technical evaluation flight to Pulau Tioman for airline and RMAF pilots and engineers was organized during the morning of December 21, while two passenger flights — one to Trengganu and the other around Kuala Lumpur — took place that afternoon.

Two visiting delegations highlighted Canadian participation in the 2nd ASEAN Science and Technology Week, hosted by the Philippines from January 30 to February 3, 1989. The participation of 30 other delegates from other ASEAN countries was made possible through a grant of \$121,000 from the Canadian International Development Agency to the Philippine Department of Science and Technology which organized the event.

In addition to five students from the Canadian Youth Science Foundation, Canada was represented by a delegation of experts who each made presentations to conference workshops. They were Peter Robinson, Special Advisor at the Department of Communications (informatics); Dr Raymond Woodhams, University of Toronto (solid phase processing of oriental plastics); Frances Anderson, biotechnical policy and safety researcher at the Centre de Recherche pour l'Evaluation Social des Technologies (safety control and regulations in biotech research); and Jon Scott, TIR Systems Ltd (solar lighting application in large buildings).

Events such as this one, which afford greater contact among ASEAN countries and between ASEAN and Canada, are encouraged by the Canadian Government through the ASEAN Development Cooperation Program of CIDA. The essence of the program lies in the promotion of activities in ASEAN countries which are mutually beneficial and ensure greater collaboration and information exchange between ASEAN and Canadian individuals and institutions.

According to de Havilland officials, the Dash 8 is enjoying the same worldwide success and acceptance as the famous de Havilland Twin Otter, which continues to provide Pelangi Air, MAS and MHS with dependable and economical air transportation. The Dash 8 is an ideal choice for further development of low-density, high-frequency regional services.

Market response to the 37-40 seat Dash 8 Series 100 and the 50-56 seat Series 300 has been extremely enthusiastic. To date, the Dash 8 order book totals 251 aircraft. De Havilland is currently developing a third member of the Dash 8 family, the Series 400, which will have around 70 seats and will be capable of speeds nearing 350 knots. The Series 400 is expected to enter the market in 1993.

SEMINAR ON AVIATION LAW

On October 11-19, 1988, the International Aviation Management Training Institute (IAMTI), in conjunction with McGill University of Montreal, conducted a seven-day seminar on aviation law and its impact on management, in Kuala Lumpur. Government airline management officials from 19 countries attended the seminar conducted by John Eden, Vice-President of IAMTI, and Nicholas Matte, Director of the Institute of Air and Space Law at McGill, supported by a number of lecturers and associates.

The conference was opened by Malaysia's Minister of Transport, Datin Paduka Zaleha Ismail. Canadian High Commissioner Garrett Lambert awarded certificates to the 50 participants at the conclusion of the program.

IAMTI was established in Montreal in 1987 by the Government of Canada as a non-profit institution to promote international cooperation in aviation management. Its location enables it to draw on the wealth of Canadian and international experience in aviation gathered at such Montreal-based institutions as McGill's Institute of Air and Space Law, the International Civil Aviation Organization and the International Air Transport Association. A number of Canada's most prominent aerospace companies are also based in or near Montreal. Close to 500 aviation managers from around the world have now had the benefit of IAMTI training.



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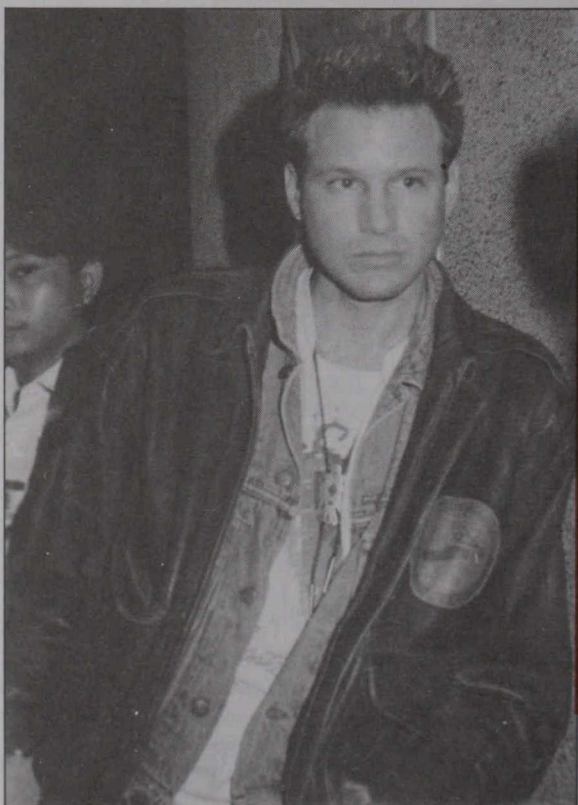


LORRAINE DESMARAIS JAZZES UP JAKARTA

Montreal jazz pianist Lorraine Desmarais visited Jakarta from November 18-20, 1989, to participate in the first Jakarta Jazz Festival. The festival kicked off with an opening night gala at the Jakarta Arts Centre which was attended by the Governor of Jakarta, Yang Terhormat Wiyogo Admodarminto, musicians and some 300 invited guests. Ms Desmarais figured prominently in the opening night jam session and was rewarded the next day with a page one photo in Kompas, Indonesia's leading daily.

She followed up with four more performances, twice before a thousand people at the Maxima Open Theatre and twice before an audience of about 6,000 at the Drive-In Theatre. At times she shared the stage with such jazz greats as guitarists Kazumi Watanabe from Japan and Lee Ritenour.

The Jazz Festival itself was considered both a critical and popular success. Ms Desmarais won rave media reviews; commentators marvelled at both her technical virtuosity and inspired improvisational abilities. In short, Ms Desmarais offered an excellent example of Canadian jazz at its best.



Corey Hart Wows the Philippines

Rock singer Corey Hart of Montreal gave what one newspaper reviewer described as "the best rock concerts ever in Manila" from December 26, 1988 to January 1, 1989. The four concerts were almost totally sold out and when the visit was over, an exhausted but very pleased Hart promised to return in the near future.

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