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## Joint Cooperation Committee Meets in Manila

The second session of the Canada-ASEAN Cooperation Committee met in Manila September 26–27, 1984. This marked the first occasion that the Committee convened in an ASEAN country. The inaugural meeting of the JCC, created under the 1982 Canada-ASEAN Economic Cooperation Agreement, was held in Ottawa in April, 1983. The Committee is to promote increased cooperation in a wide field of endeavours including commercial, industrial and development cooperation and to serve as a forum to discuss and review these activities.

With its independence and accession as a member of ASEAN, Brunei for the first time participated in the activities of the Committee, a fact that was welcomed by the spokesmen for both

delegations.

Ambassador Romauldo A. Ong, Director General, ASEAN-Philippines, acted as spokesman and chaired the meeting, while R.A. Kilpatrick, Assistant Deputy Minister, Asia and Pacific Branch, led the Canadian delegation. The ASEAN delegation included the chairmen and representatives of their various ASEAN committees as well as representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta. Senior governmental officials from External Affairs and the Canadian International Development Agency in Ottawa participated on the Canadian side in addition to the Deputy Commissioner General for Expo 86 and the regional director of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC).

His Excellency Pacifico A. Cortez, Philippines Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs, officially opened the proceedings of the JCC. In his statement, he remarked that since the beginning of these regular dialogues, they have "become a forum to translate into meaningful action the genuine partnership that exists between Canada and ASEAN". He also noted the support that Canada has consistently accorded ASEAN in the United Nations General Assembly, particularly on the issue of Kampuchea. Furthermore, ASEAN appreciates the assistance extended by Canada in the development of agriculture, forestry and fisheries. "It is our collective desire that our cooperation in the past shall form



R.A. Kilpatrick, leader of the Canadian delegation (fourth from left) and Canada's Ambassador to the Philippines, Reg Dorrett with the ASEAN Heads of Delegation at the recent meeting of the Joint Cooperation Committee.

the basis for even more intensive cooperation in all sectors of vital importance to the growth of our region, particularly in trade, commerce and industry."

In his response, Mr. Kilpatrick drew attention to the breadth of the relationship between Canada and ASEAN, particularly the impressive range of contacts and activities extending from governmental through private sector to those on the individual level. Looking to the future, Mr. Kilpatrick stated that "Canada has a new government with a strong orientation to the West and Pacific. It is, therefore, quite clear that the focus of Canada's relations with the Asia-Pacific region will be maintained and strengthened." By way of example, he drew attention to the recent enactment by Parliament of a statute to establish the Asia Pacific Foundation headquartered in Vancouver and with the broadest possible mandate to strengthen relations in all areas. Mr. Kilpatrick completed his assessment by stating that "the ties between Canada

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### Soprano To Tour Region

Canadian soprano Rosemarie Landry will perform in Singapore with the Singapore Symphonia Orchestra November 30 and December 1 at the Victoria Concert Hall.

One of Canada's most renowned vocal artists, Miss Landry will perform in Japan, Thailand and Hong Kong as well.

Winner of First Prize in the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation Talent Festival, Miss Landry has performed on both CBC radio and television and with many Canadian orchestras including Winnipeg Montreal, Toronto, Atlantic symphonies. She appeared in the French premiere of Luciano Berio's Passagio, and in the Canadian premiere of Mozart's Zaide. She gave a series of concerts with the Torino Radio Orchestra in Italy. Miss Landry was invited to the 1981 International Art Song Festival in Princeton, New Jersey, where she performed with pianist Dalton Baldwin. In 1982, she made recital debuts at Wigmore Hall in London, for Radio-France, in Salle Pleyel, Paris and later toured in Japan.

## Liona Boyd in Concert

Classical guitar enthusiasts and newcomers to the classical guitar alike were thrilled this month by stunning performances throughout Asia by Liona Boyd, Canada's First Lady of classical guitar.

Liona, a beautiful and articulate woman, is dedicated to bringing the art of the guitar to a larger and broader audience. This dedication and her search for songs from all over the world for future recordings, prompted her to make this tour to the Far East, which has taken her to Japan, China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand.

Ms Boyd's concert in Jakarta was her first in Indonesia and was given at the Hilton Hotel before an audience of 430 people including senior Indonesian officials, cultural personalities and members of the media who also attended an Embassy reception in her honour. She later gave a workshop for approximately 60 students and faculty members at the Jakarta Institute of Arts.

#### PROCEEDS FOR CHARITY

The recital in Singapore was held at the Singapore Conference Hall before a capacity audience of 1,000, and reflected Liona's ability to combine the classical with the popular. Liona beautifully demonstrated what the New York Times referred to as her "flair for brilliance" with pieces as varied as those by 18th Century composer Bach through Chopin to a Latin guitar repertoire by Granados and Rodrigo.

Her performance was described by Robert Luse of the Straits Times as evoking "a succession of moods and images that often transcended time and place". She herself was described as "the most serene and accomplished of artistes".

Some 70 Singaporean guitarists were given a unique opportunity to learn from Ms Boyd at a workshop presented by the Ministry of Culture. The Canadian High Commissioner, Mr. George Seymour and his wife gave a dinner in Liona's honour. Among the guests were Attorney-General Tan Boon Teik and his wife.

A capacity audience of 400 braved monsoon rains to attend Ms Boyd's dinner concert at the Hilton International in Bangkok. The audience included Minister of Science, Technology and Energy, Mr. Damrong Lathapipat and Privy Councillor Usni Pramoj as well as various members of the diplomatic and Thai business community.

By special arrangement, a group of guitar students was ushered in after the



Canadian Classical guitarist, Liona Boyd.

dinner to hear the performance. Reviewers were particularly impressed by Ms Boyd's rendition of Canadian composer Richard Fortin's "L'Oiseau Triste" written specifically for the performer. Liona dedicated one piece, Scherzino Mexicano by Manuel Ponce to the people of Thailand.

Large audiences attended concerts under the patronage of Dato Elyas bin Omar, Mayor of Kuala Lumpur, held at Kuala Lumpur's City Hall and the Petaling Jaya Hilton Hotel. Proceeds from the performances went to the nongovernmental Sang Kancil Organization for Social Services to support its numerous social development activities among the urban poor.

#### A MOST ACCOMPLISHED ARTIST

Liona began her study of the guitar at the age of 14 with Eli Kassner in Toronto. In 1972 she graduated with honours from the University of Toronto Music Faculty. She has studied with the world's top guitarists, including Segovia, Lagoya, and Bream. It was as a result of hearing a Julian Bream concert that she decided to take up the guitar as a young girl. To this day Liona conducts autograph sessions after each performance in order that she too may encourage fledgling guitarists.

Ms Boyd not only performs in the major concert halls and with symphony orchestras around the world but has been a guest on such programs as Merv Griffin, Johnny Carson, Paul Anka, Mike Douglas,

Evening at Pops (Boston Pops) and Entertainment Tonight.

#### A SENSE OF MISSION

At a press conference in Singapore she said "Though my absorbing interest is classical guitar music, as a musician, I feel I should share the beauty and secrets of my instrument with others. And since the guitar is better known in a popular way the best way to introduce its sounds is through Pop music".

She has produced 11 albums, and one of them "A Guitar for Christmas" has passed the gold mark. Among the honours bestowed on Liona Boyd are the Vanier Award and the Order of Canada for her contribution to the cultural life of Canada and she is a three-time winner of the Canadian Instrumental Artist of the year.

Her tour has been sponsored by Cathay Pacific. In Singapore, the Bank of Montreal Asia Ltd, the Ministry of Culture and the Canadian High Commission sponsored her performance, while in Jakarta the Jakarta Hilton and eleven Canadian companies supported the project. Support by the Siam Kolkan Music Foundation in Bangkok and the Sang Kancil Organization for Social Services and the Petaling Jaya Hilton in Kuala Lumpur were much appreciated.

Liona's albums, produced by CBS Records are available in the area's record stores. Ms Boyd was thrilled by the response in the host countries and has promised to visit the area again soon.

TRAVEL FEATURE

## EXPO 86 – A Glimpse of the 21st Century

Between May 2 and October 13, 1986, an extraordinary world city — Expo 86 — will rise in the heart of Vancouver, British Columbia. Some 15 million people will visit the 1986 world exposition celebrating the theme of transportation and communications.

A total of 32 nations have already signed to participate, two years before the Expo 86 gates open. The United Nations brings the list of international participants to 33. For the first time in world exposition history, the USA, the USSR, and the People's Republic of China agreed in 1983 to participate at Expo 86. Pakistan, Czechoslovakia, and Italy are the most recent signatories. "Cultural diversity is a keynote of Expo 86", says Expo 86 Commissioner General Patrick Reid. "The participation of these nations reflects the very essence of this idea. I heartily welcome them to our world exposition".

Reid is more than pleased with the reaction of the global community. "The international response to date has been tremendous. And I say that advisedly, having been in the business for over 20 years. We now have countries from every continent to represent the transportation and communications achievements of the

Reid sees two major reasons for the enthusiastic early international support. One is Canada's international reputation as host. Montreal's Expo 67 set a benchmark for excellence in world expositions that is still aspired to internationally.

Another reason is the theme. As a continuing preoccupation of mankind, transportation is out-ranked only by food and shelter. Expo 86 will be the first



Aerial view of downtown Vancouver with main EXPO 86 site along the north shore of False Creek.

world exposition on transportation to be held outside Europe, and only the second to embrace this theme since London held the first world exposition in 1851.

The theme could not be more timely. Transportation is undergoing unprecedented change, fostered in part by the recent energy crisis. Changes in related communications technology are revolutionary. It is one thing to come up with the idea for a world exposition. It is another to win the nod of the B.I.E., the international bureau of expositions which sanctions and controls these major events. However, British Columbia did win out — and over some very tough international competition.

A major reason for B.I.E. approval must well be the host city itself which provides a striking site for Expo 86. As Canada's gateway to the Pacific, this young, sophisticated city of 1.2 million residents is the hub of an international transportation and communications system. In 1986, it will celebrate its first centennial anniversary in conjunction with the Expo 86 festivities. The main site for Expo 86 runs along 70 hectares of waterfront on the north shore of Vancouver's False Creek. Part of this area is destined eventually to become B.C. Place, the largest urban renewal project in North America

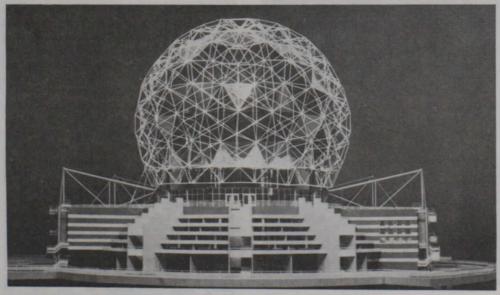
in North America.

Across the city, the host Canadian pavilion has its own 2-hectare site, again on the waterfront, but this time on a pier extending into Burrard Inlet. The Federal Government of Canada agreed to erect the Canadian pavilion alongside a new cruise ship facility. At the end of Expo 86, the Canadian pavilion will remain as a trade and convention centre.

This second site extends Expo 86 into the downtown core, while the deeper water allows Expo to demonstrate submersibles and host the world's tall ships. An innovative rapid transit system will link the two sites in a four-minute ride.

The tourist-oriented city of Vancouver already has the infrastructure to accommodate the large influx of Expo 86 visitors. Luxury hotels and world class restaurants exist and more are planned. Chinatown (North America's second largest), the Granville Island market/theatre complexes, historic Gastown, and downtown shopping are all within walking distance of Expo 86.

Major airlines fly into Vancouver from every continent. Two transcontinental railways and several major highways have their western terminus here. Just 50 km from the Canada/United States border, the city is within easy reach of Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Vancouver is indeed ready to welcome the world.



This 15-storey geodesic dome will house Canada's first Omnimax Theatre which will feature the largest screen in the world.

## **Canada-ASEAN Developments**

## Canadian Naval Vessels Visit Region

Vessels of the Fourth Canadian Destroyer Squadron under the command of Captain H. Timothy Porter, C.D. completed a tour of regional ports that included Manila, Jakarta, Singapore and Bangkok. These visits were part of a larger tour of the western Pacific that included Japan, Hong Kong and Hawaii.

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The three ships, HMCS Saskatchewan, HMCS Qu'Appelle and HMCS MacKenzie, based in Esquimalt, British Columbia comprise part of the Maritime Forces Pacific Training Squadron which is charged with providing professional sea training for junior naval officers of the Canadian Armed Forces. Such goodwill tours not only provide these officers with extensive experience at sea but also permit them to familiarize themselves with political and economic developments in the region.

Manila in the Philippines was the first ASEAN port of call from September 23 to 25. The Philippines is a popular and regular haven for Canadian ships as evidenced by the fact that the Second Canadian Destroyer Squadron spent four days in port in May, 1983. Manila represented the half-way point in the three-month voyage. This meant a changeover with those junior officers on board since leaving Esquimalt being returned to Canada and a new complement of offices being flown out to meet the ships.

Official calls by Captain Porter and Ambassador Reg Dorrett were made



Three Canadian Naval Vessels docked at Sembawang during official visit to Singapore October 5-9.

on Mayor Raymond Bagatsing of Manila, Rear Admiral Simon Alejandro, the Philippine Navy, Commodore Brillante Ochoso of the Philippine Coast Guard and Captain Eduardo Santos, Manila Port Manager.

Although Canadian naval vessels last visited the region in 1981 and 1983,

the trip to Jakarta represented the first occasion for an official call to Indonesia. On September 29, a reception was held on board by the Squadron Commander and the Canadian Ambassador to Indonesia. In attendance were Indonesian Government officials and businessmen, members of the diplomatic corps and representatives of the Canadian community. Captain Porter and his Commanding Officers also paid courtesy calls on Indonesian naval and civilian authorities.

on September 30, Captain Porter and Ambassador Maldwyn Thomas participated in a wreath laying ceremony at the Commonwealth War Dead ceremony located at Menteng Pulo, Jakarta on the occasion of Remembrance Day. The resident Canadian community was also given guided tours on HMCS Saskatche-

A luncheon for high level Indonesian Government officials, military officers and representatives of the press and business community was the highlight of the third day of the Squadron's visit together with a reception in the evening hosted by the Indonesian Navy. The vessels were also open for tours to junior Indonesian naval officers while the Indonesian Navy hosted a sports morning involving participants from both forces. Many took advantage of the visit to explore the varied scenic and archeological sights to be found in Java.



Captain (N) Porter, Commander of the Fourth Canadian Destroyer Squadron in conversation with Rear Admiral Rusdi Rusli, Commander of Indonesia's Third Naval District.

The Squadron arrived in Singapore October 5 and on the same day a luncheon was hosted by Captain Porter and Canadian High Commissioner, George W. Seymour, for Singapore officials, businessmen, members of the diplomatic corps and representatives of the Canadian community. The same evening, a reception was held on board two of the ships for representatives of the Singapore and Canadian communities.

On October 6, Captain Porter completed calls on Major General Choo, Chief of the General Staff and Colonel Khoo, Commander of the Republic of Singapore Navy. There were also exchange visits later in the day between Canadian officers on board the vessels and midshipmen of the Singapore Training School. The ships were open to visits by the Canadian community.

An extensive program of sporting events between officers and men of the ships and the Singapore Armed Forces and New Zealand Forces and representatives of the Canadian community was scheduled. Despite weeks at sea without necessary practice and the challenges of the climate, the Canadian teams more than held their own. The crews of the ships also hosted a party for children from the Salvation Army Home. Official responsibilities completed, officers and men turned their attention to the shopping challenge offered by Singapore. While no figures are available, a significant contribution was made by the Squadron to Singapore's GNP.

If sentiments of officers and men are anything to go by, it will not be another eleven years before there is a further ship visit to Thailand. An excellent visit was

had by all.

On the official side, Captain Porter and the officers from all three ships were treated to an entertaining evening at the Royal Thai Naval Academy, which featured sword fights and Thai boxing. The next evening, Captain Porter and Canadian Ambassador John Paynter hosted a reception on board HMCS Qu'Appelle, attended by high-ranking naval officers including Vice Admiral Amnuay Iamsuro, Commandant of the Bangkok Naval Station. Captain Porter and Commanding Officers of the three visiting ships also signed the Royal Book of Greetings at the Grand Palace.

Official duties did not prevent the ships' companies from getting to know Bangkok and its environs better through tours and sightseeing. The men of the Fourth Squadron also took time out to play hosts to a group of disadvantaged children from a nearby neighbourhood and to provide tours of the ships for the Royal Thai Navy Academy Cadets.

### **Asia-Pacific Foundation Established**

Before Parliament recessed for the summer, it passed unanimously and in a single day, legislation setting up the Asia-Pacific Foundation of Canada. The Foundation is expected to serve as a bridge between Canada and Asia, especially the Pacific Rim region.

Its mandate is set out in Section 3 of the legislation: "The purpose of the Foundation is to develop closer ties between the peoples and institutions of Canada and the peoples and institutions

of the Asia-Pacific region by:

"(a) promoting mutual awareness and understanding of the cultures, histories, religions, philosophies, languages, life styles and aspirations in the Asia-Pacific region and Canada and their effects on each other's societies;

"(b) supporting development cooperation between organizations, institutions and associations in Canada and in

the Asia-Pacific region;

"(c) promoting collaboration among organizations, institutions and associations in private and public sectors in Canada and in the Asia-Pacific region;

"(d) promoting closer economic and commercial ties between Canada and the

Asia-Pacific region;

"(e) promoting in Canada scholarship

and expertise on economic, cultural, social and other subjects relating to the Asia-Pacific region, and in the Asia-Pacific region, scholarship and expertise on economic, cultural, social and other subjects relating to Canada; and

relating to Canada and the Asia-Pacific region and disseminating such information and ideas within Canada and the

Asia-Pacific region."

The government will appoint the chairman and nine other members of the Foundation's board of directors. The board will then appoint a further 20 directors, drawing them from the business sector, labour, and the universities. Headquarters of the Foundation will be in Vancouver.

The federal government will provide \$5 million during the first five years of the Foundation's life. Other funding will be provided by the provinces and the business community.

During the past decade, Canadians have experienced a growing awareness of the importance of the Pacific Rim — and beyond that, all Asian countries — to Canada's economy and to the evolving Canadian society. The Foundation represents a further example of this awareness.

## **ASEAN Science Writers' Workshop**

A group of ASEAN journalists has recommended that newspapers and news agencies in their region place greater emphasis on science reports to help in the advancement of science in their respective countries.

They also recommended that science journalism workshops be conducted in order to create a core of competent science journalists to help meet this objective.

The journalists – 14 of them – were participants in the recent Science Writers Workshop held at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia September 3–14, 1984. The journalists represented 11 ASEAN newspapers

and news agencies.

The workshop was jointly organised by BERNAMA, the Malaysia national news agency, and the Malaysian Press Institute. Funding was provided by the Ottawa-based International Development Research Centre (IDRC). The Asian Mass Communication Research and Information Center provided the services of its science and communication specialist, Mr Adlai J Amor.

"It is most ironic that although science and technology are becoming increasingly important in our daily life, yet we see too little of stories written about it," said Mr Ahmad Mustapha Hassan, General Manager of BERNAMA at the opening of the workshop.

During the two weeks of training

which followed, the participants visited various research institutions which included the Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI), the Palm Oil Research Institute (PORIM), and the Tun Ismail Atomic Research Centre (PUSPATI). During these visits Malaysia's leading scientists briefed the journalists on the latest scientific developments in the region.

They also visited a freshwater fisheries research station in Malacca and met with a consumers group involved in the cleaning up of the beaches of Port Dickson.

Many of the journalists at the workshop felt that the training they had received had helped to de-mystify science and technology for them. They rated the workshop "very good," and said that it had motivated them to write more on science and technology when they return to their newspapers and news agencies.

"I was very impressed by the interest in science shown by the participants and the hard work they invested in the course" said the workshop director, Mr Amor. "I have conducted several science journalism workshops and they are the best group so far".

"Science and technology has become part and parcel of our daily lives and a newspaper which does not report on these issues is not informing its readers,"

he said.

### **Asian Opinion Makers Cross Canada**



Asian journalists discuss their tour during Cross-Canada trip.

The Canadian Asian Studies Association has just completed a highly successful tour of Canada by three leading Asian opinion makers—Mr. Suthichai Yoon, Editor, "Bangkok Nation Review" daily newspaper; Dr. Muhammad Ali Siddiqul, Editor, "Pakistan and Gulf Economy" magazine and Dr. Makoto Fujita, Executive Director of the International Studies Centre at Kwansei Gakuin University,

Japan.

The visitors began their tour in Eastern Canada as guests of Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia where they attended the Canadian Southeast Asia Studies Association annual meeting. After participating in this weekend long symposium of Canadian academics specializing in issues involving Southeast Asia, they travelled to Halifax where they addressed a symposium sponsored by the School of Journalism at Kings College which included noted Canadian journalist George Bain and former Asian Specialist in the Department of External Affairs Arthur Andrew.

From the Atlantic coast the visitors flew to Ottawa where Carleton University acted as host, sponsoring a seminar on the topic "The Role of the Media in the Development Process" and organized meetings with Carleton's School of Journalism.

While in the nation's capital, the Department of External Affairs arranged a luncheon for the visiting Asian opinion makers with senior officials of the Department of External Affairs, the Canadian International Development Agency, and Dr. Charles McMillan, Policy Advisor to Prime Minister Mulroney. The journalists took the occasion of this luncheon to discuss in general terms Canadian foreign policy. Dr. McMillan indicated that economic issues would come to the fore and therefore Asia would continue to be a area of great focus for Canadian foreign policy.

In Ottawa, the visitors toured the

Communications Research Centre Satellite Assembly Facility at Shirley's Bay where, in addition to observing the assembly and testing of satellites for both Canada and Brazil, they were briefed on Canadian capabilities in the high technology fields of communications and satellite technology.

From Ottawa the tour visited Toronto, Kingston, St. Catherines, Guelph and Windsor in Ontario where seminars were held at various universities and meetings arranged with Canadian journalists.

Leaving southern Ontario they travelled through Western Canada including stops in Winnipeg, Edmonton, Vancouver and Victoria where a further series of seminars were arranged to enable them to gain a better understanding of Canada while giving Canadians an opportunity for a fuller appreciation of the Asian perspective on world affairs.

The visiting scholar program is an annual event organized by the Canadian Asian Studies Association with the financial assistance of the International Development Research Centre of Ottawa.

## Banff Centre Hosts Asian and Canadian Executives

Banff, in the heart of the Canadian Rocky Mountains, was the site of a recent management seminar attended by 28 Asian and Canadian senior executives. The 14-day seminar, entitled Managing Future Challenges, was organized by the University of Calgary and the Banff Centre School of Management.

The select group of senior executives and administrators, including 10 representatives from five ASEAN nations, experienced two intensive weeks of discussions, workshops and field visits in Alberta. The seminar focussed on the future global setting, covering the directions of future links between Asia and Canada — international technology transfer — service industries of the future, and other topical issues.

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and the Association are evolving at a rapid rate on a number of sectoral fronts. Canada remains fully committed to the ideals of freedom and stability to which ASEAN subscribes and we in the Canadian government are impressed by the dynamism and intensity of your organisation."

On the basis of the positive environment created by the opening statements, the Committee focussed on a general review of the expanding relationship. Following a full discussion, the Committee then turned its attention to the more specific projects to encourage industrial and development cooperation. The participants examined various ongoing projects including the Fisheries Post-Harvest Project, the Forestry Tree Seed Centre and the Crops Post-Harvest Program. The session was also briefed on the contribution that the IDRC would play in supporting a number of projects.

The delegates examined a variety of new proposals that were submitted for consideration as possible areas for future cooperation in transport, communications, energy, science and technology, and manpower training. The Committee was also provided with an oral and visual briefing of the forthcoming World's Fair—Expo 86 to be held in Vancouver.

The Committee created a working group on trade to examine their commercial relations. Mr. Kilpatrick had noted that for the first time in 1983, Canada's trade with the Pacific region had surpassed that of Europe, a trend that is likely to continue. Furthermore, he remarked that the balance of trade which had been significantly in Canada's favour was narrowing rapidly with the possibility of its disappearing completely in 1984. While both sides recognized that trade was developing from a rather low base, significant progress had been achieved. Further efforts will be made to increase respective levels. The working group also took the opportunity to examine a number of issues of particular concern including a review of the generalized system of preferences, specific trade issues, liberalization of non-tariff measures and trade promotion activities.

The proceedings were not exclusively formal, as a dinner hosted by Ambassador Ong and a reception offered by Canada's Ambassador to the Philippines, Mr. Reginald Dorrett provided informal occasions to exchange views and ideas on how to further strengthen the relations between Canada and ASEAN.

The JCC concluded with satisfaction on the part of both sides with the extensive discussions, and thorough review that had occurred on an extremely broad range of issues. The Committee will reconvene in Ottawa in the autumn of 1985.

## ASEAN and IDRC Link-up Support for Post-Harvest Research

ASEAN and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada have signed a Memorandum of Understanding linking their support to the third phase of the ASEAN Crops Post-Harvest Programme. The signing took place at a brief ceremony held during the first meeting of the Programme Steering Committee. The Honourable Jesus Tanchanco, Philippines Food Minister represented ASEAN while IDRC's Director for Southeast and East Asia, Dr Jingjai Hanchanlash signed on behalf of the Centre.

The National Food Authority of the Philippines will act as the executing agency of the programme which is supported by an international consortium of funding agencies including the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), and IDRC. IDRC's grant for the third phase totals \$378,600. The funds will be used to support the efforts of ASEAN scientists working on a number of projects to be undertaken within the priority areas of the current three year phase.

The first area focuses on the problems posed by the high moisture content of harvested rice, groundnuts and maize.

The second priority area will investigate means of overcoming losses caused by pests in storage and processing plants. It will also attempt to devise simple scientific methods of grading grains which can be applied at the farm-level.

A diversity of issues will be addressed within the third area. Researchers will be looking into the efficiencies of village mills in an attempt to reduce milling costs. They will also try to improve on rice storage facilities and their management

Secondary food crops such as legumes and oilseeds are to become the subject of study in a new priority area of the programme. While the region's overall food production, particularly of rice, has increased dramatically in the last 15 to 20 years, little progress has been made in the cultivation of secondary food crops. This has resulted in a continued rise in the import of vegetable oils and oilseeds.

An underlying objective of the whole programme is the strengthening of the post-harvest grains systems and their component industries in the region. This will hopefully be achieved through formal university and short-term training programmes aimed at ASEAN research scientists and technicians working in the post-harvest sciences. Attempts will also be made to introduce post-harvest processing technologies in undergraduate and graduate university courses.

The focus of training efforts for this phase will be shifted from the training of post-harvest equipment operators to the training of "trainers". At the same time university faculty members will also be supported to conduct research and training in the principles and operations of national post-harvest systems.

The Canadian contribution to this programme will be increased significantly when the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) signs a similar Memorandum of Understanding with ASEAN later this year.



Philippines Food Minister and IDRC Regional Director signing Research Agreement.

## Vancouver Colloquium on Trade Opportunities

On September 17 and 18, the Institute of Asian Research of the University of British Columbia and the Canadian Committee of the Pacific Basin Economic Council (PBEC) co-hosted a colloquium, funded by CIDA, on Canadian Business Opportunities in the ASEAN countries.

The colloquium was chaired by Mr. A. John Ellis, immediate past chairman of PBEC, Canadian Committee. The participants included senior Canadian business executives, representatives from the federal and Alberta, British Columbia and Ontario governments, as well as Mrs. Margaret Catley-Carlson, President of CIDA, Dr. George Pedersen, President of the University and representatives from several non-governmental Canadian organizations concerned with ASEAN trade affairs.

The colloquium explored ways in which Canadian business might better benefit from market opportunities in the member countries of ASEAN. CIDA, as sponsor, was particularly interested in recommendations which might improve its role in assisting Canadian and international development in the Southeast Asian context.

The meeting concluded that the ASEAN markets are characterized by dynamic growth, rapid change in industrial and economic structures, complementarity with areas of Canadian technical and industrial expertise, and acute international competition. While these markets offer many opportunities for Canadian business, economic relations have to be mutual and Canadian business would benefit from increased activity by ASEAN entrepreneurs in the Canadian market. Moreover, Canadian business and government sectors should pursue business opportunities in ASEAN in a planned and coordinated manner.

In light of these conclusions the colloquium participants agreed on a number of recommendations. These are that: Canadian private sector presence in ASEAN markets should be enhanced; the Department of External Affairs should increase the impact of trade commissioners and resources in ASEAN countries; the Export Development Corporation and CIDA should direct a higher proportion of financing resources to the ASEAN market; the effectiveness of trade exhibitions and trade missions to the ASEAN countries should be enhanced; provincial ministries of education, the Department of External Affairs, and business corporations and organizations should work together to encourage programs in Canada to advance the understanding by Canadians of the business cultures and environments in ASEAN countries.

## Canada Elects a New Government



Governor-General Jeanne Sauvé with Members of the Cabinet following the Swearing-in Ceremony at Rideau Hall.

On September 4, the Canadian electorate voted in a new government under the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney. Mr. Mulroney led his Progressive Conservative Party to a sweeping victory by capturing the largest number of seats in the House of Commons in Canadian history, 211 out of a total 282.

Conservative candidates were elected in all ten provinces as well as in the two territories. In terms of popular vote, the Conservatives obtained the support of just under 50% of the electorate. The Liberal Party under outgoing Prime Minister John Turner returned 40 Members of Parliament. Canada's third major party, the New Democrats, won in 30 ridings.

The Cabinet consisting of 39 ministers in addition to Mr. Mulroney, was sworn in on September 17 in a ceremony presided over by Her Excellency the Governor General, Mme Jeanne Sauvé at Rideau Hall. Besides having representatives from all provinces, the Cabinet also has the largest number of women in history—6. Three ministers will share the responsibility for managing Canada's foreign relations. Former Prime Minister, Joe Clark, will serve as Secretary of State for External Affairs, with James Kelleher as International Trade Minister and Monique Vézina as External Relations Minister. The first session of Canada's

thirty-third Parliament opened on November 5.

#### The Prime Minister

Born March 20, 1939 in Baie Comeau, Quebec, Mr. Mulroney is a lawyer and former corporate executive.

He holds a B.A. (Honours) in Political Science from St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia and a Bachelor of Law from Laval University, Quebec City.

On June 11, 1983, Mr. Mulroney was elected Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada.

He subsequently won election to the House of Commons in a by-election on August 29, 1983 in the riding of Central Nova, Nova Scotia and was returned in the riding of Manicouagan, Quebec in the General Election of 1984.

Mr. Mulroney has been active in public life and community affairs for many years. In May, 1974, he was appointed to the Cliche Royal Commission investigating violence in the Quebec construction industry. In 1976, he was a candidate for the leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada.

Later that year, he joined the Iron Ore Company of Canada as executive vicepresident; a year later, he became company president.

He has been active in charitable organi-

zations such as the United Way of Greater Montreal, the Quebec Association for the Mentally Retarded and the Canadian Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Fund.

Mr. Mulroney is married to the former Mila Pivnicki; they have three children.



A jubilant Brian and Mila Mulroney.

# **External Affairs Minister Reviews Canada's Foreign Policy Objectives at the United Nations**

In his first official speech as Secretary of State for External Affairs, Joe Clark declared that peace and disarmament will be the "dominant priority" of Canadian foreign policy under the new Conservative government.

Speaking at the General Assembly of the United Nations on September 25, Mr. Clark said that Canada "is determined to continue to play a leading role in the search for peace and disarmament".

#### Peace and freedom

"We defend, and actively assert, the values of democracy and individual freedom. We believe it is essential to pursue the goals of peace and freedom simultaneously.

"We shall seek, through concrete and realistic steps, progress toward a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. We shall encourage superpower and multilateral discussion on all outer space weapons, and shall commission further studies on how a space weapons ban might be verified.

"We shall work for the success of next year's Non-Proliferation Treaty Review Conference, in order to prevent the horizontal proliferation of nuclear weapons. We shall bring to bear our technical expertise in verification measures to ensure mutual confidence and security in areas where arms control agreements can be achieved.

"We shall encourage agreement on a mutual and balanced reduction of conventional forces in Europe, and hence reduce the danger of escalation to nuclear war. We shall continue to press for a verifiable convention prohibiting the development, production, stockpiling and use of chemical weapons.

"Canada will continue its financial support of the World Disarmament Campaign. We shall, in addition, expect that the newly-created Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security will contribute its share of studies and advice on specific arms control proposals and measures to reduce international tension."

#### Committed to the United Nations

Stressing Canada's strong commitment to the United Nations, Mr. Clark reiterated Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's pledge that the new government would "play a more active role in the United Nations and its agencies. Our government is committed strongly to the United Nations . . . . A dynamic United Nations system is essential for countries like



Secretary of State for External Affairs, Joe Clark.

Canada-equally for the superpowers."

Mr. Clark said he came to the United Nations expecting questions from the Third World and other diplomats about possible changes in Canada's traditional commitments to development aid, moderate approach to East/West relations and sympathy for debtor countries. His speech offered assurance that the Conservative government's policies would remain "squarely in the tradition" of its predecessors.

"Our new Government intends to maintain Canada's commitment to reaching 0.7 per cent of the GNP by 1990 in Official Development Assistance. Despite economic problems at home, we shall not turn our backs on the world's disadvantaged peoples. A greater share of our aid budget will be spent by non-governmental organizations, which have proven their effectiveness in community development programs", Mr. Clark stated.

On global economic questions, Mr. Clark noted that the record of the international community was one of achievement, although far from perfect. "We must ensure that the specialized institutions that we have created will

prove capable of coping with current and future challenges. There is growing support for a pragmatic, issue-oriented approach". Organizations such as the IMF/World Bank, GATT, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and others which have specific mandates within the multilateral system, were being encouraged to work with a renewed sense of commitment and co-operation.

Mr. Clark also touched upon other areas of Canadian concern — Cyprus, where Canada has peacekeeping troops stationed; the occupation of Afghanistan by foreign forces; the Middle East; Central America and Namibian independence from South Africa.

Importance of ASEAN

In the course of his United Nations statement, Mr. Clark reiterated that Canada "supports ASEAN countries in their efforts to bring peace to the unfortunate country of Kampuchea, which continues to be occupied unlawfully".

The rapidly evolving role that member states of ASEAN are playing was further illustrated during the discussions between Mr. Clark and United States Secretary of State, Mr. Shultz. At the most recent of the quarterly sessions between Canada and the United States held in Toronto, October 15–17, the ministers agreed that economic ties with the countries of the Pacific Basin, particularly the members of ASEAN, represents an increasingly important dimension in the foreign policies of both their nations.

#### New Secretary of State for External Affairs

Born in High River, Alberta on June 5, 1939, Mr. Clark is a former Prime Minister and Party Leader. He is also a former journalist and political scientist.

First returned to the House of Commons in the General Election of 1972, Mr. Clark was elected Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party on February 22, 1976. He was sworn in as Prime Minister on June 4, 1979 following the May 22 General Election. His government was defeated at the polls on February 18, 1980. Mr. Clark was succeeded as Party Leader by Brian Mulroney on June 11, 1983.

In 1983, he undertook responsibility on behalf of the PC Party to study the issues of arms control and disarmament. His other Caucus responsibilities have included chairperson of the Caucus committee on Youth and chairperson of the Caucus committee on Environment.

#### **Canadian Company in ASEAN**

## Northern Telecom (Asia) Ltd: Key Player in Telecommunications

Northern Telecom is the world's largest designer of fully digital telecommunications systems, and is a significant supplier of integrated office systems. It is the second largest designer and manufacturer of telecommunications equipment in North America and in 1983 was

the sixth largest in the world.

Northern Telecom, which traces its beginnings to the invention in Canada of the telephone by Alexander Graham Bell, was for many years merely the manufacturing department of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada, and, because Bell Canada itself was partially owned by the giant American Telephone and Telegraph Co (AT&T), Northern's activities were largely restricted to manufacturing products designed elsewhere.

#### Commitment to Research

In the early 1970's, however, with Bell Canada long-since independent of AT&T, a strategic decision was taken to create in Northern Telecom a worldleader in the design and manufacture of integrated voice and data telecommunications equipment. To this end Bell Northern Research (BNR) laboratories were created from NT's modest research division, and the tricorporate family (operating telephone company, manufacturer, R&D laboratory) was complete. Since that momentus decision was taken NT has gone on to become the largest manufacturer of fully digital telecommunications systems in the world, and more than 90% of NT's current revenues result from the sale of products designed

Today Northern has 46 manufacturing plants in Canada, the United States, Malaysia, Brazil, the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland. Its products are in service in more than 90 countries.

#### Innovative and Broadly Based

Northern has a broad product line including major voice and data networks for businesses, the military, telephone administrations and governments. In 1983 these products accounted for sales of well over \$3 billion and NT's planned growth over the next several years averages about 20% per year. Besides selling equipment, NT provides wide range of services both before and after a sale. Network planning, maintenance and network administration can be provided by Northern or one of its seven affiliated



Technicians using Northern Telecom's latest equipment.

companies.

NT's presence has transformed and pioneered telecommunications systems in all parts of the world, and Northern Telecom's equipment sales and technology licensing activities outside of North America have recently account for nearly 15% of NT's revenues. These activities are managed by Northern Telecom International Limited (NTIL), based in Mississauga, Ontario. NTIL's subsidiaries include NT Middle East and Africa, NT Europe, NT PLC (UK), NT CALA (Carribean and Latin America), NETAS (a joint venture with the government of Turkey), NT Japan and NT Asia.

**Regional Expansion** 

NT Asia is managed from Singapore, where it has a staff of about 35. Another 65 employees are spread throughout the region from the Republic of Korea to New Zealand, with the largest concentrations of staff in Seoul (6) and Hong Kong

Although for the first several years after its founding in 1975 NT Asia's sales were largely restricted to Business Communications Products (the SL-1 PABX was the principal product), with the 1983 decision by NTIL to develop CCITT-standard (as opposed to "North America standard") equipment for telephone administrations' networks, NT Asia is now very actively pursuing this

much larger opportunity.

Over the next few years NT Asia will be installing CCITT-standard Central Office switches (DMS-10 and DMS-100), Data Packet Switching (SL-10), and a wide variety of transmission equipment (Fibre Optics cable and electronics, channel banks, digital radio, subscriber concentrators, etc) as well as outside plant in telephone company networks all over Australasia.

NT Asia sells through a variety of channels. Although in most countries local distributors handle some or all NT products, there are also two very successful licensees of Northern products and technology in Korea (Daewoo Corporation, which has licensed most NT leading edge products, including the SL-1 PBX, FOTS, DE-4E Channel Banks, etc) and Malaysia (Uniphone which manufactures outside plant).

NT Asia's distributors include the following:

Thailand Loxley (Bangkok) Ltd - Sapura Holdings Sdn Malaysia Bhd

Setelco Electronics Co Singapore Pte Ltd

Indonesia - PT Maha Guna Mitra - AWA and GEC (Aus-Australia tralia)

Philippines - Locator International Marketing Corp

New Zealand - GEC (NZ)

Hong Kong - HK Communications

Looking to the Future

NT Asia's most recent ASEAN success has been in winning the tender to provide a very sophisticated voice and data network for all offices of the Government of Singapore, as well as for various Statutory Boards. Thus far requirements for 48 PABX installations have been identified within this contract. When completed in 1986 the Government of Singapore network will be without peer anywhere in Asia - if not the world. As such, it well-represents NT's long standing investment in and commitment to the Australasian market.

Over the next few years NT Asia will be adding new licensing and other arrangements for local manufacture throughout Australasia, enhancing the already strong position from which it intends to participate in the exciting growth prospects for telecommunications in this rapidly developing region.

## **Around the Region**

PHILIPPINES

## Canada Pledges Aid to Typhoon Victims



Typhoon "Nitang" wrought massive destruction to human life, agriculture and infrastructure as it crossed the Philippines.

The Canadian Government recently announced it is providing 100,000 dollars to typhoon victims in the Philippines. The funds are being provided in response to an appeal launched by the League of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (LRCS) calling for a program of relief for typhoon victims in the country.

Canada made the pledge in the wake of the destruction wrought by typhoon "Nitang" in the southern provinces of Surigao, Bohol, Cebu and Negros. It is being channelled through the International Humanitarian Assistance Program of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and will contribute to the continuing relief efforts of the Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) in these devastated areas.

Overall damage from the typhoon is placed at \$120 million. Latest casualty lists stood at 1,238 and 538 missing, 1,297 people injured and more than 200,000 people homeless. Damage to property, crops and livestock has reached \$118.5 million and will probably be higher when final figures are compiled.

## NFB Documents Relief Operations in the Philippines

A three-man film crew from the National Film Board of Canada (NFB) visited the Philippines 21–27 September on the heels of a devastating typhoon and amid the rumblings of a major volcano in connection with the production of a sixpart film entitled "Trois Milliards". This series of 26-minute films is concerned with the collective 3 billion population of the world's developing countries.

The NFB team comprises film director Michel Regnier, Assistant Cameraman Seraphin Bouchard and Soundman Andre Dussault. They have been on the road since June covering the activities of international humanitarian agencies to which CIDA contributes financial assistance. They documented OXFAM's efforts to combat malaria and tuberculosis in Haiti, the ICRC's assistance to wounded Afghan refugees in Pakistan, the FAO's reforestation project in West Africa's Cabo Verde, the UNHCR work in the Sudan and Thailand, and the UNDRO's relief operations in Jamaica and the Philippines

In the Philippines, the team followed the relief work conducted by UNDRO in the typhoon-stricken areas of Surigao, Bohol, Negros and Cebu, and recorded the damage being wrought by the active Mayon Volcano in Legazpi, Albay. They will next visit Java to cover UNICEF

activities in the area.

"Trois Milliards" is a Canadian \$730,000 project jointly funded by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, CIDA and the NFB. It will be shown on Canadian television in May-June 1985 and copies will be available in NFB and CIDA offices.

## Filipinos Attend Grains Courses in Canada

The Canadian International Grains Institute (CIGI), an instructional facility in Winnipeg, Manitoba, working in affiliation with the Canadian Wheat Board and the Canadian Grain Commission, has been extending opportunities for technical development in both the government and private sectors of the Philippine grains industry.

Through short-term training courses offered to managers and administrators of the Philippines' National Food Authority and to the private sector through the Philippine Association of Feed Millers Incorporated, the CIGI enables grains specialists to broaden their knowledge in the various facets of grains technology, thereby increasing their effectiveness in

their respective fields of expertise.

This year, three experts from the Philippines attended various courses at the CIGI: Assistant Director Roselinda Geraldez of the National Food Authority (NFA) went to the two-month International Feed and Oilseed Course, Regional Director Pablo Bundalian also of the NFA was invited to the 19th International Grains Industry Course, and Assistant Plant Manager Manuel M. Ching of the Pacific Flour Mills participated in the First International Flour Technology Course.

These courses blend academic with practical approaches through a series of lectures which include the most recent technologies, seminars and pilot

plant exercises at the Institute and tours of commercial facilities. Tours of facilities throughout Western Canada — the country's Wheat Bowl — provide participants an opportunity to familiarize themselves with Canada's grain and food processing industries. Specialists are able to conduct in-depth studies of their areas of interest.

Filipino participants work and exchange notes with trainees from other countries, including experts from Canada's grain industry. Participants from over 70 countries have taken part in previous international grain industry courses. These courses have acquired a reputation that is world-wide from this comprehensiveness and currency.

## Foreign Minister Attends Environment Seminar

In November, 1983, the Government of Indonesia and the Canadian International Development Agency agreed to finance a joint venture between the Indonesian Ministry of State for Population and Environment and the Institute for Resource and Environmental Studies, at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The "Environmental Manpower Development in Indonesia" (EMDI) Project which commenced in January, 1984 and will continue through 1985 and 1986, seeks to enhance Canadian-Indonesian cooperation in resource management and Indonesian capacity to undertake environmental and social impact analysis.

Components of the project involve training of Indonesians in Canada, Canadian technical assistance to university-based environmental study centres in Indonesia, provision of information and equipment, and support to government and non-government programs seeking to upgrade environmental public awareness and resource utilization.

As a component of the EMDI Project, an Indonesia-Canada environment conference took place in Canada, in Mont Sainte Marie, Quebec from October 9–11, 1984. The conference was designed to provide an opportunity for leading Indonesian decision-makers and practitioners in environmental manage-

#### "Computer Indonesia", Jakarta

Canada participated for the first time in Jakarta's second "Computer Indonesia" trade show, held between September 18 and 22. The 1984 show attracted approximately 13,000 visitors and is expected to become an annual event.

Canada's Information Booth was effectively used to display two Canadian-made word processors now sold in Indonesia — namely the P-5020 Micom and the AES 7100. Product literature from 18 Canadian manufacturers was distributed. About 4,000 visitors came to the Canadian stand.

The Indonesian Government is placing increasing emphasis on promoting its domestic trade fairs. Shows such as this one constitute an important marketing tool for Canadian firms wishing to penetrate or expand their presence in this market.

Later this year, the Canadian Embassy will participate with an information booth at "Forestry and Woodworking Indonesia". In addition, Canadian companies, one of them led by a special Government of Ontario mission, will be exhibiting at the "Training Indonesia" Show, November 27 — December 1.



Leading participants at the Conference included from left — Foreign Minister Mochtar Kusumaatmadja; CIDA President, Margaret Catley-Carlson; Dr. Emil Salim, Minister of State for Population and the Environment; and the Indonesian Ambassador, H.E. Hasjim Djalal.

ment to meet with a selected group of Canadian counterparts from government, industry, universities and NGOs concerned with environmental issues.

Over 130 participants attended the conference. The Indonesian Minister of State for Population and Environment, Dr. Emil Salim, led 38 Indonesian participants. The Indonesian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Mochtar Kusumaatmadja

addressed the conference on aspects of Indonesia-Canada bilateral relations, with special reference to the Law of the Sea. The conference served to lay the foundation for further linkage, twinning and mutual assistance relationships between Canadian and Indonesian practitioners and institutions concerned with environmental management and human resource development.

#### New Commercial Counsellor Arrives in Jakarta



Robert (Bob) C. Lee arrived in Jakarta in mid-September to assume his new duties as Counsellor (Commercial) at the Canadian Embassy.

Mr. Lee joined Canada's Trade Commissioner Service in 1968. He comes to Jakarta from his last posting in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. Bob is not new to the Far East, having served in Tokyo and Seoul between 1971 and 1977. Mr. Lee has also served as Director of Research and Information with the Canadian Exporter's Association.

#### Canadian Film Week

A five day Canadian Film Festival organised by the Canadian Embassy, in cooperation with the Jakarta Arts Council and Taman Ismail Marzuki, the city's Cultural Centre, was held in Jakarta in September.

The festival consisted of two days of feature movies and three days of short films dealing with the performing arts, the visual arts and the work of Canadian filmaker Norman McLaren, noted for his many innovative and experimental film animation techniques.

The festival began with the feature film "Les Plouffes", based on a popular television series from Quebec during the decade of the 1960's, followed the next evening by another product of French Canada's movie industry "Ca peut pas être l'hiver, on n'a meme pas eu d'été" (It Can't be Winter, We Haven't had Summer Vat)

Among the short films shown were the award winning "Boys and Girls", "Gala" and "Flamenco at 5:15", the 1984 Oscar-winning film featuring the Spanish dancer Susanna.

#### MALAYSIA

## Hydro-Quebec International Opens Office

Hydro-Quebec International (HQI) a subsidiary of Hydro-Quebec opened a regional office for Asia and the Middle East in Kuala Lumpur in October, 1984. This is the first HQI's office outside Quebec. Mr. Michel P. Boudriau, formerly V.P. Marketing for HQI will head the Company's entrance into this new and promising market for the giant Canadian utility.

HQI was created in October 1978 to promote Hydro-Quebec's technology and expertise abroad and to support the consulting engineering firms that are closely associated with HQ's development. HQ itself was first both in terms of assets (\$25 billion) and profits (\$707 million) amongst Canadian companies in 1983 and has developed significant expertise in areas of hydro electric production and transmission during its

HQI initially started its operation in markets closer to home in South America and the Caribbean. HQI in association with some Canadian consulting engineering companies secured contracts in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Haiti, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela. The marketing for that continent continues to be carried out

20 years of existence.



through the Montreal office.

In the early 80's HQI expanded its activities to the African market. After three years of continuous effort, HQI managed to secure markets in Cameroun, Guinea, Mali, Senegal and Togo.

In order to more effectively market their product in Asia and the Middle East it was felt a continuous presence in the area was essential. The company has already secured contracts in Saudi Arabia, India and Bangladesh and hopes to expand its presence into Southeast Asia, given the great hydro-electric potential here.

## Computer to Assist in Medical Research

Canadian High Commissioner to Malaysia C.J. Small recently presented an IBM-compatable computer and a photocopy machine to the Social Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department of the University of Malaya.

This equipment, made available under the High Commission's Mission Administered Fund Program (MAF), will enable University researchers to monitor and analyze health data relating to Malaysia's urban poor, as well as to conduct studies in the field of maternal and child health. Specifically, the system will be used to monitor projects conducted by the Sang Kancil an innovative nongovernmental organization based in Kuala Lumpur.

The launching ceremony itself was opened by Professor Khairuddin Yusof, Head of Social Obstetrics and Gynaecology; remarks by the University's Vice Chancellor, Royal Professor Ungku Aziz and the Canadian High Commissioner followed. Installation of the computer marks an important milestone in the creation of research opportunities at the University of Malaya, as both lecturers and students from the Science Faculty will have access to the equipment and will be provided the occasion to develop essential computer skills.

The Canadian contribution under MAF, totalling over \$18,000, is part of a larger grant to Sang Kancil. An additional \$29,000 has been allocated to the organization for the Sungei Bakau Community Development Project. These funds will facilitate improvements to the drinking water system and the establishment of a preschool in the kampong.

### **Terry Fox Run Recalls Marathon of Hope**

On September 23, a dedicated group of runners, joggers and walkers assembled in front of the residence of the Canadian High Commissioner in Kuala Lumpur, to take part in the fourth annual Terry Fox Memorial Run to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society.

While fewer in number than the hundreds of thousands who took part in similar events across Canada on the same day, this group of Canadians and Malaysians was full of determination. High Commissioner Small lent further fortification by recalling the achievements of Terry Fox.

The run is in memory of Terry Fox, a young Canadian who having lost a leg to cancer, undertook a cross-Canada run in 1981. Before being forced for health reasons to stop, Terry had completed 5376 km. and raised nearly Canadian \$23 million for cancer research.

What he also achieved was to inspire thousands of Canadians to continue to the work toward the objectives that he set when he began his Marathon of Hope. This was that through the collective efforts of all, it would be possible to find a cure for cancer. While he did not live to see this goal achieved, his legacy continues to inspire.

A group of 40 set out to cover the ten

kilometre route. While heat and humidity presented a daunting challenge, all but one runner completed the course. High Commissioner Small led the walkers, and among the runners a best time of 35 minutes was recorded. Prizes were awarded to best finishers, and all participants received a completion certificate.



Is the finish line in sight?

#### THAILAND

## Canadian Studies Program at Chulalongkorn University



Charge d'Affaires Maurice Hladik, presents cheques on behalf of Canadian companies to the Vice-Rector of Chulalongkorn, Charas Sunanvela.

#### PRIVATE SECTOR FUNDS CANADIAN STUDIES PROGRAM

It is now almost three years since the Canadian Studies Program (CSP) at Chulalongkorn University was established with the financial assistance of the Canadian Embassy in Bangkok.

Now, through the efforts of the Canadian Studies Committee, particularly the Director, Dr. Wiwat Mungkandi, and the CSP researcher, Pranee Thiparat, the budget of the Canadian Studies Program is being funded entirely by the private sector. Five Canadian companies, Bata Thailand, Alcan Thai, Novacorpan Alberta Corporation, Royal Bank, Northern Telecom, who have a deep interest in seeing Thai-Canadian relations grow apace have all made generous contributions to the 1984/85 budget of the Canadian Studies Program at Chulalong-korn University.

korn University.
On August 7 the Canadian Chargé d'Affaires, as well as representatives from the five companies concerned, attended a presentation ceremony at Chulalong-korn University to donate their cheques to the Canadian Studies Program. The total amount presented amounted to \$14,700. In addition, the Canadian Embassy also donated 100 books to the Canadian Studies Program Library and a six volume set of slides and booklets titled "Canada's Visual History".

The active Canadian Studies Program

The active Canadian Studies Program at Chulalongkorn has hosted a number of visiting Canadian academics. It has also produced pamphlets in Thai explaining CSP and one describing educational opportunities in Canada.

In addition, the Canadian Studies Program has helped to organize two exhibitions about Canada at the Chulalongkorn Demonstration School and Silapkorn University.

Planning is now well underway for next year's activities using the funds recently donated by the Canadian private sector.

# **Export Development**Corporation Line of Credit Announced

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) announced September 21 the signing of a US\$10-million line of credit agreement with Bangkok Bank Limited of Bangkok, Thailand, to support sales of Canadian capital goods and services to Thailand.

The line of credit will assist Canadian exporters competing for sales in Thailand by providing their buyers with a simple and easily accessible credit facility through the bank.

It is expected that the main application of the line of credit will be to support contracts for small- and mediumsized export sales. Allocations will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

EDC lines of credit are a special kind of lending in which EDC lends to banks and financial institutions in other countries, which re-lend to buyers of Canadian goods and services. Since rates and terms have been predetermined, financing arrangements can be finalized quickly.

Bangkok Bank Limited, founded in 1944, is the largest bank in Thailand and the 166th largest bank in the world. As of June 30, 1984 it had 280 domestic and 15 overseas branches.

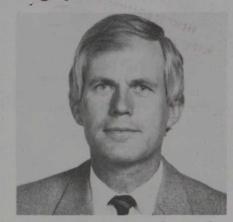
EDC is a Canadian Crown corporation that provides a wide range of insurance and bank guarantee services to Canadian exporters and arranges credit for foreign buyers in order to facilitate and develop export trade.



The Deputy Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Robert Welch met with Deputy Prime Minister Bhichai Rattakul while leading a trade mission to Thailand in September. He also made official calls on Mr. Decha Boonchoochuay, Secretary General of the Board of Investment and the Deputy Foreign Minister Prapass Limpabandhu.

### SINGAPORE

### **New Commercial** Counsellor for **Singapore**



Otch von Finckenstein, the new Commercial Counsellor at the Canadian High Commission in Singapore, recently arrived with his family from his previous posting in Colombia where he was also Commercial Counsellor.

Born in Bad Godesberg, Germany, Mr. von Finckenstein made his home in Canada in 1962 where he received a B.A. Honours and M.A. in Political Science at

Carleton University.

He began working with the Canadian Government office of Tourism in 1965. He acted as Manager of Tourism's office in Frankfurt. He later was Manager for Marketing in the Eastern United States and Acting Director for its Market Development branch in Ottawa. Prior to his posting in Colombia, Mr. von Finckenstein acted as Consul and Trade Commissioner at the Canadian Consulate General in Hamburg Germany.

Mr. von Finckenstein Singapore as an acknowledged leader in areas of finance and commerce in Southeast Asia, pioneering developments in areas of urban planning, traffic control, and industrial development. He looks forward to having the opportunity of working jointly with Singaporeans in this

exciting environment.

### Livestock Mission **Visits**

A Canadian swine breeding mission consisting of 3 breeders and two government officials recently visited Singapore under the auspices of the Canadian government. The mission headed by Hans Grieger of Agriculture Canada finalized arrangements with Singapore's Primary Production Department to provide breeding stock to Singapore.

While they were in Singapore the members of the mission visited various

swine raising operations.

## **Ontario's Deputy Premier Leads** Trade Mission

Ontario's Deputy Premier, the Hon. Robert Welch, led a 10-member delegation to Singapore from September 12 to 15 for talks with senior Singaporean officials and businessmen to increase business opportunities between Ontario and Singapore, particularly in areas of high technology and advanced hardware.

The Deputy Premier met with the Minister of State for Trade and Industry, Dr. Wong Kwei Cheong, officials of the Economic Development Board and representatives from a major private

trading house.

Mr. Welch also hosted a reception for senior members of Singapore's Business Community and was a feature speaker at a luncheon hosted by the Canadian Business Association which was attended by some 180 resident Canadian businessmen and media representatives.

Mr. Welch was clearly impressed by the vibrant commerical activity in Singapore, marked by a no-nonsense

approach to doing business.

He showed his own enthusiasm about what Canada and more particularly Ontario had to offer by demonstrating the operation of an innovative Ontario weed harvester at the Kranji Reservoir.

Members of his delegation, representing various industrial and commercial sectors, met with Singaporean distributors and agents to discuss joint-venture opportunities. The Canadian firms netted some 80,000 dollars worth of samples and trial orders and are hoping for 1.6

## **B.C.** Education Minister Visits

Honourable Jack Heinrich, Minister of Education for the province of British Columbia visited Singapore October 30 and 31. Mr. Heinrich accompanied by the Deputy Minister of Education, Mr. James Carter was travelling in Southeast Asia to meet with education and manpower officials in Indonesia, Singapore and Thailand.

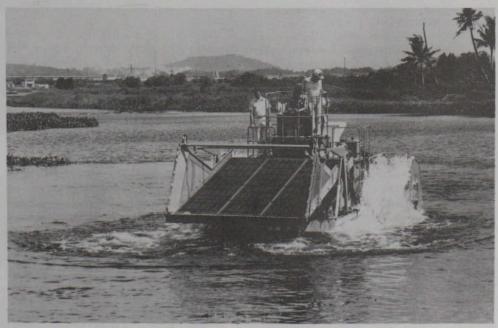
As a member of the government of Canada's western most province which borders the Pacific Ocean, Mr. Heinrich expressed a particular interest in the educational and manpower training experiences of the countries along the

Pacific Rim.

While in Singapore, Mr. Heinrich met with Dr. Tay Eng Soon, Minister of State, on education systems and teacher training programs. He also conferred with senior officials of various institutions including the National University of Singapore and the Vocational and Industrial Training Board to explore shared interests and to discuss potential areas for cooperation in the transfer of training programs and educabetween British tional technology Columbia and Singapore.

million dollars of sales in the next 6 months.

Singapore has been the focus of a number of visits by senior Canadian trade officials as a result of growing awareness of opportunities in the area for Canadian businesses.



Deputy Premier Welch demonstrating Weed Harvester at Kranji Reservoir, Reproduced courtesy of the Straits Times.

# ALL SYSTEMS GO! DEPT. OF External Allamores



This Lockheed 1011-500 will inaugurate Air Canada's Singapore-Bombay-London flight three times a week beginning January 17, 1985. On that Thursday, Flight 859 will depart Changi Airport at 22:10 arriving in London at 6:35 local time on January 18. It will then continue its journey, crossing the Atlantic with arrival in Toronto at 12:05 local time that same day. Flight 858 will make the return flight. This trip half way around the world will take approximately 22 hours, including stopovers and is Air Canada's first passenger service into the ASEAN region.

## British Columbia in Business

The British Columbia Ministry of Industry and Small Business Development in cooperation with the Singapore Federation Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SFCCI) recently held business development seminars in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Hong Kong.

Assistant Deputy Minister Robert Food and two colleagues from the Ministry, Michael Clarke and David Eggleston presented British Columbia as an export/import market, and as a site for investment through the medium of an informative slide presentation to leaders of the business community in the cities they visited.

Some 110 businessmen attended the seminar in Singapore. Three days of specialized meetings with individuals interested in trade and investment in British Columbia followed.

His Excellency, Mr. John Small, Canadian High Commissioner to Malaysia opened the Malaysian seminar which had an attendance of sixty businessmen. The presentation was followed by a reception at the Merlin Hotel.

The enthusiastic response to the seminar proved that British Columbia is seen as a fertile environment for investment and trade.

### **Defence Products Mission To Visit**

In late November a Defence Products Mission headed by Roger Chan of the Defence Products branch of the Canadian Department of External Affairs will visit Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok and Jakarta to explore potential markets for Canada's advanced defence equipment.

Among the leading Canadian firms forming part of the mission will be Vega Helicopters, Computing Devices, Raytheon, Bell Aerospace, Versatech Marine, DAF Indal, Spar Aerospace Aviation Services, Canadian Marconi, Irvin Industries, Menasco, and CAE Electronics.

In Singapore the group will meet with Ministry of Defence officials, Singaporean defence manufacturers and agents and will have the opportunity to visit naval and air force installations at the invitation of the Ministry of Defence.

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