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Foreign Minister Chrétien Meets ASEAN Counterparts

On his first trip as Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada (SSEA), the Honourable Jean Chrétien led the Canadian delegation to the ASEAN Foreign Minister's Post Ministerial Conference with Dialogue Partners held in Jakarta on July 12 and 13. Mr. Chrétien noted in his opening remarks to the meeting that it was appropriate and symbolic that his first visit as Minister responsible for Canadian international relations was made to the Pacific.

In his meetings with ASEAN Foreign Ministers, Mr. Chrétien emphasized the importance which Canada has attached to strengthening and expanding economic ties with all ASEAN member countries. He described this effort as a key Canadian foreign policy objective. A full economic relationship, the SSEA added, would encompass increased two way trade; joint ventures and investment within both ASEAN and Canada; and a collective will to reduce impediments to trade and commercial cooperation.

Mr. Chrétien also underlined Canada's continuing support for ASEAN's demands that Vietnam withdraw its troops from Cambodia and pledged to maintain the present Canadian policy of accepting substantial numbers of refugees from Southeast Asia, as well as aiding refugees in Thailand and in the Thai border region. As a concrete example of the latter policy, the SSEA announced a contribution of \$2 million for relief in border areas and in refugee camps inside Thailand.

As tangible evidence of Canada's increasing interest in the Pacific area, the SSEA cited the creation of the Asia Pacific Foundation and the holding of Expo 86 in Vancouver, with an impressive ASEAN participation. The Foundation, he added, expected to become the focal point of a broad range of activities aimed at strengthening commercial, developmental, cultural and educational cooperation across the Pacific.

Foreign Minister Chrétien also endorsed ASEAN's proposal for the establishment of Pacific Economic Cooperation, a non-institutionalized scheme to increase awareness of fundamental

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The Honourable Jean Chrétien, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, (left) is shown with his counterparts from other dialogue countries attending the Post-Ministerial Conference with ASEAN Foreign Ministers.

British Columbia Business Opportunities Seminars

The Government of British Columbia intends to hold a series of business opportunity seminars in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Hong Kong during the first two weeks of October.

The purpose of the seminars is to establish stronger commercial links between the province and Asian markets.

These seminars will be designed to exchange information on a range of opportunities available through a commercial relationship with British Columbia including trade, joint ventures, licensing, direct investment, and entrepreneurial immigration.

Seminar sessions will consist of presentations from provincial representatives and private sector experts in the legal and financial fields. These presentations will be followed by a luncheon featuring a keynote speaker, probably a minister of the British Columbia government.

Private meetings with local companies and organisations will also be included in the programme.

Canadian Navy to Show Flag in ASEAN Region

Three destroyers from the Canadian Navy will be calling at ASEAN ports in September-October 1984. The ships will be undertaking a two month cruise in the Western Pacific as part of officer training exercises.

The three vessels, HMCS Saskatchewan, HMCS MacKenzie, and HMCS Qu'Appelle, will visit the Philippines, Indonesia, Singapore, and Thailand. The ships will also be calling at Hong Kong and Japan.

While in port, the officers and men will play host to their ASEAN counterparts as well as to disadvantaged children and members of the Canadian community.

The Canadian navy has been a frequent visitor to the ASEAN region in recent years. In May 1983, four vessels from the Second Canadian Destroyer Squadron based at Esquimalt, British Columbia, called at the port of Manila, Philippines. In April 1981, three ships from the same squadron visited Singapore during their cruise in this region.

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Canada's Commitment to ASEAN and the Pacific Underlined by New SSEA

economic trends amongst interested Pacific nations through greater exchanges of information and to expand co-operation in the development of human resources in the region.

Canada's Foreign Minister and his ASEAN colleagues also discussed international economic issues. Mr. Chrétien reported on Canada's impressions about the London Economic Summit in which Canada had responded to an ASEAN request by raising issues such as a more liberalized trading system; the loss of momentum over commodities in UNCTAD; and the debt problem.

ASEAN Ministers noted the increased frequency of high level exchanges between ASEAN and Canada, starting with the visits of Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and International Trade Minister Gerald Regan to ASEAN in 1983, followed by the visits of Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad and Thai Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanond to Canada in early 1984.

The Ministers also looked forward to the second Canada-ASEAN Joint Co-operation Committee Meeting tentatively scheduled for Manila in late September, and hoped it would result in further implementation of the provisions contained in the Canada-ASEAN Economic Cooperation Agreement, particularly those concerning increased commercial relations.



Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs Chrétien is shown addressing the ASEAN Foreign Ministers in the "six plus one" meeting. Joining the Minister are (left) Ambassador M. Thomas and (right) Mr. De Montigny Marchand, Deputy Minister, Department of External Affairs.

Canadian Cabaret Troupe Tours Three Southeast Asian Cities

A troupe of young Canadian singers and dancers called The Dubbin Show recently entertained audiences in Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur and Hong Kong.

The group, four men and four women,

have formed around a family nucleus — Gerry, Dennis and Deanna Dubbin — who gave their name to the ensemble. Their act is in the style of a Las Vegas revue, a fast-paced programme of skits,

songs and dance routines ranging from Swing era classics to the latest hits by Michael Jackson.

The Dubbins, whose dancers come from across Canada, run through twenty-three costume changes in sixty minutes, requiring tight co-ordination and a high degree of energy.

In Bangkok, Gordon Roston, Director-General of the Canadian Government Office of Tourism, hosted a gala dinner-performance to which members of the Bangkok press corps, travel agencies and tourist organisations were invited.

The Dubbin's tour of the Far East is their first opportunity to perform outside Western Canada and it represents a major advance for their careers. Judging by the outstanding audience reaction in all three Asian cities, the Dubbins have found a formula which should earn them an international reputation.

Their tour was sponsored and organised jointly by the Canadian Government Office of Tourism and the Alberta Ministry of Culture in co-operation with Canadian Pacific Airways, Air Canada, Cathay Pacific Airways, Pacific Western Airways and Canadian missions in the region.



Toronto: Canada's Personality City

A city of many personalities, Toronto ranges from the cool and cultured to the loud, bright and outrageous.

A stroll down Yonge Street on a warm evening can help capture the everchanging personalities of Toronto. The 2 km (1.3 miles) from The Bay department store at Bloor Street to the Eaton Centre at Dundas is the place to see and be seen any night of the week, and especially on the weekends. Young people in the latest and wildest fashions mingle with business people in suits, tourists, senior citizens, joggers and street vendors.

Of course, Toronto is more than just a section of Yonge Street. It's 3.5 million people living in Canada's largest metropolitan area. It's a Canadian and international business, fashion, travel and entertainment centre, as well as the capital of the Province of Ontario.

Family Toronto

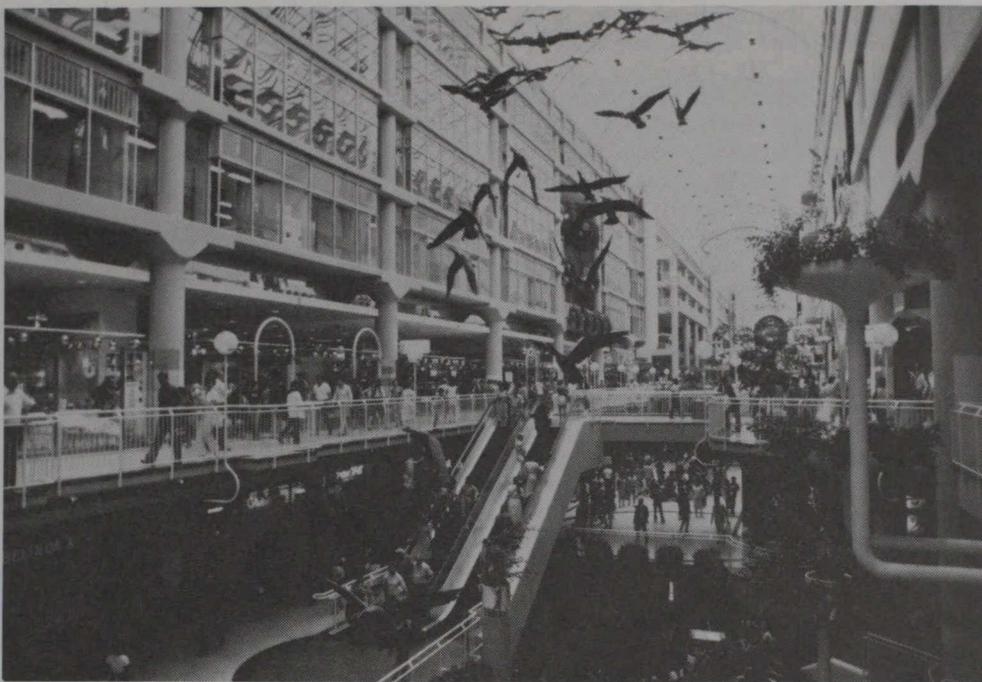
Toronto is a city for families of any size and budget. The Metro Toronto Zoo, a family favourite, is rated as one of the best in the world. The animals, birds, fish and plants are grouped by geographic origin so that a visit to "Africa" can be followed by a visit to another "continent". Most of the animals live in large natural outdoor enclosures. A full day or more is needed to see everything.

For a rainy day, or a day out of the sun, mix fun and education at the Ontario Science Centre. The admission cost is minimal, and lively "touch me" exhibits encourage visitors to conduct their own scientific experiments.

Ontario Place, three man-made interconnected islands on the shores of Lake Ontario, is a cool place on a hot day. One of the award-winning playgrounds keeps children busy with water squirters and swings that dip into the swimming pool. World-class entertainers perform at the Ontario Place Forum, an outdoor theatre with chairs and on-the-grass seating for thousands.

At Harbourfront, 37 ha (92 acres) of restored and refurbished dockside on Queen's Quay West, the entire family can come for an hour or a day to do crafts, picnic, sightsee and be entertained. As well as being great fun, everything including the craft supplies are free at Harbourfront.

The stars and planets are on display daily at the McLaughlin Planetarium on Avenue Road just south of Bloor. The adjacent ROM — Royal Ontario Museum — has now reopened after extensive renovations.



Eaton Centre, Toronto

Cultural Toronto

Theatre, music and dance are integral parts of the Toronto personality. The National Ballet and the Toronto Symphony Orchestra make their homes here. The O'Keefe Centre, Massey Hall and a dozen more halls, auditoriums and theatres host a continuous parade of rising and established international stars. Small dinner theatres as well as the Royal Alexandria Theatre feature everything from contemporary musical revues and Broadway hits to Shakespeare. Jazz, blues, rock, country and classical music are well represented in clubs, restaurants and lounges.

The Art Gallery of Ontario sponsors special exhibitions by world famous artists and maintains a permanent collection of Canadian art. The Henry Moore sculptures are among those modern artistic efforts the viewer either immediately loves or hates.

The Canadian National Exhibition, in late summer, is a free-flowing, exciting and distinctly Toronto event that artfully mixes a carnival atmosphere with commerce and entertainment. The Sunday Harbourfront Antique Market draws thousands of Torontonians and visitors to look, touch and marvel over the objects and craftsmanship of an earlier day.

Cosmopolitan Toronto

Toronto is a city of many cultures. Italian, Greek, Chinese, Caribbean, Jewish, Portuguese and Spanish are among the groups that lend their customs, languages and heritage to the city.

Kensington Market is a model of Toronto's ethnic diversity. There are a dozen or more languages, none of them English, reggae music from the Caribbean; fresh fish with their heads on; live chickens, rabbits and ducks, Oriental noodles and vegetables. The bright traditional costumes of Africa mix with the somber blacks of southern Europe in front of open air stalls, stopping traffic in the street.

Gourmet Toronto revitalizes even the most jaded palate. There is falafel from the Middle East, Chinese hot and sour soup and pastas from Italy, lamb dishes and retsina from Greece, cheesy raclette from Switzerland. The choices are limited only by the capacity to explore and enjoy.

Bird's Eye Toronto

From the top of the 600 m (1815 feet) CN Tower, Toronto lies like a busy tapestry sweeping in a huge semi-circle along Lake Ontario. Scattered among the skyscrapers and residential streets are hundreds of green areas. Natural, wooded ravine areas stretch like long fingers running south to the lake.

Ferries from the foot of Yonge Street shuttle to the beaches, trees and paths of Toronto Island Park. Wading pools, an amusement park, bicycle and boat rentals — a city playground that is worlds away from the gold and silver glass office towers just across the water in the downtown heart of the city. It's just one more of the many personalities of Toronto.

(Article prepared by John W. Prince)

Tourism Promotion Links Canadian and SE Asian Travel Representatives

The Canada Tourism Promotion, held in Hong Kong, June 11-13, successfully introduced over 50 Canadian travel suppliers to the senior travel representatives of the top 150 travel companies based in Southeast Asia, according to Arthur Fraser, Canadian Trade Commissioner (Tourism) for ASEAN and Hong Kong.

"The exchange of information proved very educational for both the buyers and sellers which has resulted in an increased awareness of Canada as a long-haul travel destination in the region."

Among the Canadian sellers at the major trade show were representatives of Expo 86, including the Honourable Claude Richmond, Minister of Tourism, British Columbia and Minister responsible for Expo 86 and his Director of Sales, Mr Ad Van Haften who officially opened the promotion with their spectacular audio/visual presentation.

In 1983, over 96,000 visitors from Southeast Asia travelled to Canada — an increase of 9% over the previous year and a further increase of 10% is forecasted this year.



Mr. Arthur Fraser, Trade Commissioner, Tourism Canada, Hong Kong and ASEAN, cuts the ribbon to officially open the Canada Tourism Trade Show. Also pictured are (from left):— Mr. Mel Crothers of Pacific Western Airlines, Mr. Ken Woodward, Tourism British Columbia, Mr. Neil Winter, Holiday Inns and Mr. Don Hayes, Travel Alberta.

Canada to Join PATA

Canada's commitment to increasing tourism opportunities in Southeast Asia was reconfirmed in June when Mr. Gordon Roston, Director-General, Tourism Canada, announced that his organisation would apply for membership in the Pacific Area Travel Association (PATA).

Commenting on the move, Mr. Arthur Fraser, the Canadian Trade Commissioner (Tourism) for ASEAN and Hong Kong, said that Tourism Canada has for the past three years been monitoring market developments in Southeast Asia.

"We now think the area is on the brink of major expansion with regard to travel and tourism," he said. "We calculate that revenues from this region for Canada in 1983 exceeded \$250 million."

"Without doubt this region is becoming one of the most important sources of overseas visitors, and hence our move to join PATA."

Mr. Fraser stated that PATA has matured into an organisation recognised as the primary trade association in South East Asia, and one that can contribute greatly to Canada's marketing activities in region.

"Although PATA has offices worldwide, some of its strongest local chapters are in South East Asia. We are therefore looking to use PATA's wide contact base, its knowledge of markets and extensive market research as well as having access to their marketing tools," added Mr. Fraser.

Canadian Jaycees in Malaysia to Promote Montreal Congress



Richard Groome and Ike Jetha of the Montreal Jaycees are shown with Adeline Leong, President of Jaycees Malaysia, at Montreal Night in the Genting disco.

In a glittering demonstration of the night-time beat of Montreal, the Canadian High Commission in Kuala Lumpur hosted "Montreal Night" in the disco of Genting Highlands Resort, high in the mountains north of the capital.

The occasion was the Asia-Pacific Regional Conference of Jaycees International staged in May of this year by Jaycees Malaysia for over two thousand delegates.

Three Jaycees led by Mr. Cec Bechamp came from Canada to promote the XXXIX World Congress of Jaycees to be held in Montreal this year from November 11 to 18.

As Jaycees from eighteen countries throughout the region said goodnight to the music of Ann Murray, many promised to meet again in Montreal.

Canadian Company in Region

Leighton & Kidd Limited: Video Taped Training Programs Enter ASEAN Region

In some developing countries, workers who have never been to school can time maintenance jobs in sophisticated power plants by the phases of the moon. Their adaptation of ancient lore to Space Age technology is remarkable enough. Even more so is the fact that they learn their tasks from demonstrations on videotapes made in the modest brick building in Toronto housing Leighton & Kidd Ltd. Consulting Engineers.

On factory floors throughout the emerging industrial world, the journeyman teacher is increasingly apt to be a demonstrator of a Leighton & Kidd videotape. So is the visiting expert in the control rooms of high-tech plants in older industrial societies. The firm's markets literally circle the globe — from Hawaii to New Zealand. Its video training programs are used in 24 countries and in six languages.

Winning performance

There are two outstanding reasons for Leighton & Kidd's winning performance in the export of services. One is that currently more than 80 per cent of the firm's earnings come from export sales — a performance, in the matter-of-fact assessment of the president, John Leighton, "that probably no other company in Canada can match".

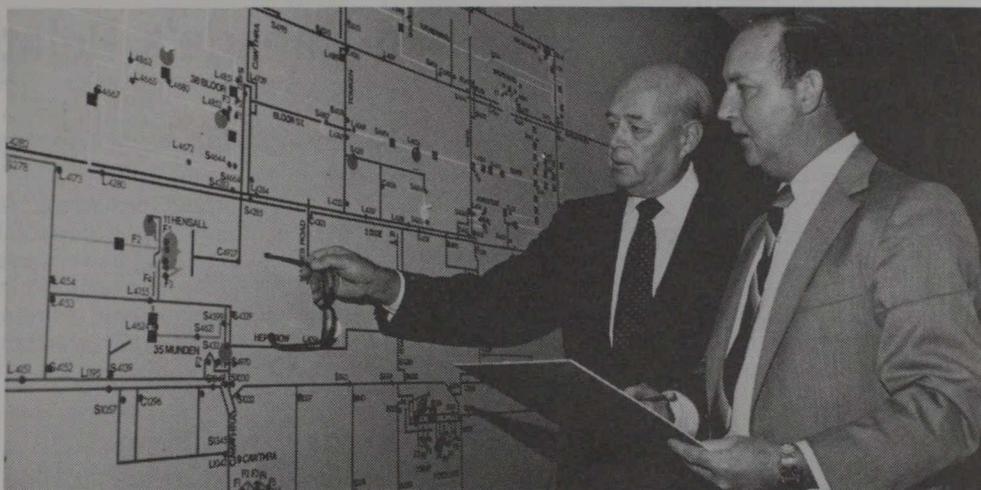
The other is that the company is a world leader in a select field, and it accomplished that by taking risks in a largely untried business.

John Leighton and Keith Kidd, who formed their present business partnership in 1971, came from strikingly similar backgrounds. Both had graduated as engineers in 1942, served in World War II, worked for big Hydro utilities and gone into business as independent consultants. Both had given high-level advice to governments and regulatory agencies. Both had worked on major power projects in developing countries — and left them with a growing sense of unease.

"I was disturbed," says Mr. Leighton, "about what was left behind after the Canadians and Americans had packed up and gone home. We'd built a plant, but had we built the skills to run it properly?"

Unexpected order

The two partners worried at the problem, but the solution eluded them — until an unexpected order came in one day in 1975. An American firm was considering producing a training film for thermal plant operators. They needed an expert to write the script, and they'd heard that Ted Major, a Royal Navy



A.J.G. Leighton (centre) and D. Crawford (right) discuss the layout of the hydroelectric distribution system of the City of Mississauga, Ontario.

veteran and recently joined partner in Leighton & Kidd in Toronto, was just the man.

"Ted wrote the script and produced the program, and that got us going," says Mr. Leighton. They then did a survey, searching for potential users of training videotapes, and saw a gold mine in pulp and paper. That industry was being wracked by technological change, high staff turnover, low morale, absenteeism and slumping productivity. Training and retraining was becoming an acute problem.

Without any specific order, Leighton & Kidd gambled on a "generic" production. They bought a camera and "darted around local video production houses looking for studio space and time". The speculation paid off in 1976, when the giant MacMillan Bloedel company bought the program for training mill personnel in Canada and the US.

In a few years, the company's staff grew from eight to 22. Graphic artists and film editors were hired. A fully-equipped television production studio was installed.

Branching out

Similarly, the branching out in projects and products in the last few years has been spectacular. There are Leighton & Kidd tapes — on everything from furniture manufacturing to fire-fighting machine maintenance to medical crisis intervention.

Total sales revenue rose from just under \$1.4 million in 1981 to more than \$2 million last year. A high proportion of the training programs are now custom-made for specific clients.

The firm is just beginning to tap some markets with huge potential. Leighton

& Kidd took part in the Far East trade mission of Premier William Davis and Industry and Trade Minister Frank Miller last fall. Now thousands of students in Singapore's polytechnical institutes are viewing videotapes made in Toronto.

The company is in the midst of negotiating the final details of a deal to supply a top-to-bottom training package for a brand new pulp and paper mill under construction in the Far East, and another for an oil refinery in the Middle East.

Leighton and Kidd's agent in Singapore is Transforma Pte. Ltd. and with the help of Transforma's energetic President, Andrew Sng, the firm has succeeded in making substantial sales of material to both the public and private sector. Its clients include Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Singapore Polytechnic, Public Utilities Board and others.

In Thailand an order has been received from the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand covering the purchase of the "Electric Power System Operation" training program. EGAT was the seventy-second major utility or power pool which purchased this program as the basis for operator training.

Representing Leighton and Kidd in the Philippines is the skills training group of Engineering Equipment Limited which is managed by Training Group Manager, Philip Torres.

Engineering Equipment has its executive offices at 110 E. Rodriguez Jr. Avenue, Ortigas Industrial Estate, Quezon City, Metro Manila 3305.

(Article adapted from Ontario Business News).

Canada-ASEAN Developments

Press Conference in Jakarta

SSEA Discusses PMC and Canada's Relations with ASEAN

Question:

What is Canada's view of the results of this meeting in the ASEAN Pacific Cooperation field?

Mr. Chrétien:

I think that it was a very good meeting. The Pacific is important for Canada. As you know we are a Pacific Ocean nation and we agreed with the proposition that was on the table yesterday: we have to establish with ASEAN the priorities in terms of development and this idea of giving priority to human resources suits us very very well. Human resources development has always been very high on our priority list and has figured prominently in our bilateral programmes with the different ASEAN nations. If it is the priority for everybody it is good. That will permit some coordination of what is happening. I think that the maturity of the ASEAN association is very impressive and they are really searching for increasing effectiveness of both their social and economic development here. And they want to do it in collaboration with the other Pacific nations who are part of the conference.

Question:

Can these steps grow into a Pacific community of some kind?

Mr. Chrétien:

There was a consensus that there is no need for the creation at this time of a new body. . . We do not want to create a new body that will have a life of its own. We want to keep it under the control of ministerial direction through the meeting we are having annually.

Question:

What is the objective in focussing on human resources development?

Mr. Chrétien:

The goal is to achieve better coordination and to establish the proper priorities among the participating nations you know America, Canada, and Japan and others are involved in programmes and there is probably duplication and lack of efficiency. There is accordingly a need to do the coordination without having to create a body that will just augment the bureaucratic content of the relations. We felt that we had enough institutions at this time to handle the problem.

Question:

Is it true that Canada agreed that this Pacific cooperation should be tied to the ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting?

Mr. Chrétien:

The practice has been that ASEAN Foreign Ministers invite five or six nations to join them at this conference after their annual meeting. We find it is a very convenient way to settle the problems. You have the conference of the Foreign Ministers of the six countries on the first few days and after that the Americans, Canadians, Japanese, Australians, New Zealanders and European Economic Community join in the last two days of the meetings so that gives a full week. For Canada it is a good occasion, and particularly for me. For example it gave me an occasion to have a bilateral discussion with Mr. Shultz in the first week I have been appointed Deputy Foreign Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs and at the same time to meet some of our old friends like the Japanese, the Australians, the New Zealanders and so on. The last two are members of the Commonwealth like us. I find it has been very productive so far.

Question:

One of the ASEAN documents implied that Canada might not be doing quite enough in terms of economic cooperation with ASEAN compared to the other dialogue partners. Did you gain the impression that ASEAN would like Canada to do more?

Mr. Chrétien:

There was no complaint. We talked about trade. We deplore a situation where the trade between the two, the ASEAN nations and Canada, could be bigger on both sides and we are working on that. And they were quite satisfied that there is enough increasing in exchanges. Exports to Canada have increased substantially in the last year by more than \$100 million. One of the ministers made the point that sometimes they are not themselves, when they are looking for exports, perhaps being aggressive enough to penetrate the Canadian market. Because you know we are on the Pacific but they tend to look at the USA and they go to the United States of America probably and they do not make the side trip to Canada. They should do more, because we are a good market in Canada.

Question:

Will the Pacific cooperation activities for Canada be coordinated through the new foundation you have established?

Mr. Chrétien:

No. The Asia Pacific Foundation is designed on its own. It is a federal government, provincial government, private sector institution to increase the knowledge, the understanding and the communications with the ASEAN nations and the other Pacific nations. Because Canada is a Pacific country, and a statement I made quite often in Canada is that the Pacific will be for Canada in the next hundred years what the Atlantic was in the last hundred years. Because the commerce, the trade will be more on the Pacific, there are more people on the Pacific, the money is on the Pacific now, the technology tends to be on the Pacific, so we are in a good position being a country having access to both the Atlantic and the Pacific. But at this moment we are trying to give, to put more emphasis and give more resources to the Pacific and for me despite the fact that we are having an election in September, Prime Minister Turner and I decided that I had to come anyway. We decided that it was very important to show our interest in the Pacific.

Question:

Regarding Kampuchea, has Canada made commitments not to give aid to Vietnam as long as they are in Kampuchea?

Mr. Chrétien:

The answer is yes. We are not to give aid to Vietnam until we are satisfied with the situation in Kampuchea. This was a commitment made a year ago at the last ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting.

Question:

There is some concern by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees that a lot of countries have decreased their intake and prefer to give money. Is it also the same for Canada?

Mr. Chrétien:

You know Canada has resettled 85,000 refugees from this general area over the last few years so for a country like Canada that is a big number. We are still taking some, I think that about 7,000 are expected to come this year. So we have acted very responsibly and we have committed another \$2 million for helping on the border for the refugees. And we have made as I said yesterday a contribution, at the request of Thailand Government, to the non-communist side of the coalition government in non-military uses.

Question:

How would you sum up the performance of Canadian exporters in Southeast Asia?

Mr. Chrétien:

I think that we have been more aggressive in Southeast Asia than the ASEAN businessmen have been in penetrating the Canadian market. But what I observe is that the ASEAN nations are an area of growth, you know they have stability and they have known growth over the past few years despite the recession that has affected the world economy. So I think that more collaboration between Canada and these nations will benefit both sides. You know, former International Trade Minister G. Regan came to ASEAN with several businessmen not long ago and there is more interest by the Canadian business community to invest or sell goods and services to this area. Many areas of expertise that we have in Canada can be used here. This morning the ASEAN ministers themselves mentioned fisheries, forestry, communication, and transportation.

Question:

Doesn't it harm your election prospects by being here while the campaign is underway in Canada.

Mr. Chrétien:

I thought it was the right thing to do. I did recommend to the Prime Minister that I should come here anyway and I have to tell you that the Japanese government was very appreciative that we have done it and the ministers have



The Honourable Jean Chrétien.

referred to that fact many times while I've been here. They consider it an important move on my part to show my interest in this part of the world. For me as a Canadian who always thought a lot about the Pacific even if I come from eastern Canada, I took it as a great political opportunity to start here. Most of my predecessors must have made their first trip either south or east to Europe. For me, the first stop was Japan, the second stop was the ASEAN meeting, you know this gave me a lot of satisfaction.

Question:

What is the Canadian Government doing to promote ASEAN?

Mr. Chrétien:

We have a new Asia Pacific Foundation in Western Canada for which we just passed a bill. You know we want to make our businessmen and our public sector in Canada much more aware of the reality of the Pacific. We have been an Atlantic-oriented country for the last hundred years because of our links with Great Britain and France. Plus the fact that we are close to the United States of America. Now we are looking to the Pacific and we feel that we are very gratified to be a Pacific Nation. There are a lot of travellers coming and Federal and Provincial ministers leading trade missions in this area. Our Canadian International Development Agency programmes provide for money to help businessmen on both sides to have conferences and exchange of information and discussion on potentialities.

The Minister's statements were given at a press conference 13 July at the conclusion of the ASEAN Foreign Minister's Post-Ministerial meetings with Dialogue Partners in Jakarta 1984.

Around the Region

INDONESIA

SSEA Signs Three Bilateral Agreements in Jakarta

While attending the ASEAN Foreign Minister's Post Ministerial Conference in Jakarta, the Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, Jean Chrétien, met with his Indonesian counterpart, Professor Dr. Mochtar Kusumaatmadja. The two Ministers held friendly and fruitful discussions on the state of bilateral relations between Canada and Indonesia.

The Ministers completed their discussions by finalizing three agreements to further cooperation between the two countries.

Loan to Sulawesi Regional Development Project

The first agreement which the Ministers signed was an \$8.6 million loan agreement covering a portion of the Sulawesi Regional Development Project. This loan precedes the extension of a Canadian grant to the project amounting to a further \$12 million.

Canada's contribution to the Sulawesi project will be directed towards providing technical assistance, training and project assistance for strengthening rural development institutions and programs in support of one of Indonesia's more important regional development programs.

Canada/Indonesia Investment Insurance Agreement

An amendment to the Foreign Investment Insurance Agreement was also signed by the Indonesian and Canadian Ministers. The Agreement, signed in 1973, was designed to assist in the promotion of Canadian capital investment in Indonesia through the provision of insurance on such investments by the Canadian government, through its agent,

the Export Development Corporation.

The amendment broadens the scope for investment insurance coverage for Canadian investors. Formerly, coverage was restricted to investment made under one specific law. The amendment extends coverage to investment made under all laws of the Republic of Indonesia.

Canadian investors, particularly those in the oil sector, are expected to benefit substantially from the amendment. Several Canadian companies, notably INCO, Alcan and Bata, have already taken advantage of Indonesia's potential by investing close to \$1 billion, thus making Canada the fifth largest investor in this country.

Canadian Loan for Bukit Asam Extended

The two Foreign Ministers signed a document formally extending the validity of a loan provided by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) for the rehabilitation of the railway for the Bukit Asam coal project to December 31, 1985.

Parallel financing offered by Canada's Export Development Corporation (EDC) for this project has already provided for the supply of new rails, coal wagons and the Tarahan coal handling terminal from Canada. The CIDA loan of \$45 million is in place to provide for the purchase of locomotives and a permanent telecommunication system from Canada.

The Indonesian Government is currently evaluating the locomotive manufactured by General Motors Canada. Other Canadian companies will be among the bidders submitting proposals for the telecommunication systems late in August.

Indonesian Education Officials Visit Canada

Human resources development has been identified by the Indonesian Government as a key element in the country's development process. Unfortunately, lack of first-hand knowledge in Indonesia of Canadian capabilities in this area have prevented greater involvement of Canadian companies and other institutions specializing in the supply of education and training services.

As an initial step towards solving this situation, a group of five Indonesian officials attached to the Ministry of Culture and Education participated on a two-week mission to Canada in April.

The mission, headed by Dr. Anwar Jasin, Secretary of the Directorate General for Primary and Secondary Education, visited educational institutions based in British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec. They also received briefings on the educational systems of these provinces, and met with private companies specializing in the education and training market, thus enabling mission members to gauge Canadian capabilities and establish contact with leading firms and institutions in this sector.

The program for the Indonesian visitors was quite intensive and varied. During their stay in Ontario, for instance, the mission visited the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, three technical colleges, three universities, a management training institute, a management consulting firm, an educational services firm and the headquarters of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC). Similar visits in the other three provinces gave members an excellent overview of Canadian systems, institutions and approaches in the field of education and training.

National Oil Company Purchases Canadian Aircraft

Pertamina, Indonesia's national oil company, has announced the purchase of two DASH-7 aircraft and spare parts from De Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited.

The purchase, valued at US\$20.25 million, will be financed by the Export Development Corporation of Canada, under a financing agreement signed with the Government of Indonesia.

De Havilland Aircraft, based in Ontario, also manufactures Buffalo and Twin Otter aircraft, and is now developing the DASH-8.



Canadian and Indonesian delegations meet to sign agreements.

Canada-Indonesia Youth Exchange Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Two days of special events in Jakarta, including speech and sports competitions, a folk festival, a photographic exhibit and a cultural evening, climaxed the 1983/84 youth exchange between Canada and Indonesia, the tenth of its kind since this highly successful program began in 1975.

Senator Jacques Hébert, President and founder, and Réal Bérubé, Chairman of Canada World Youth, were on hand for the festivities as guests of the Indonesian Government and were informed of Indonesia's satisfaction with the youth exchange program by several Indonesian high officials, including the State Minister for Youth and Sports, Mr. Abdul Ghafur. While in Jakarta, Senator Hébert also signed a protocol agreement governing the 1984/85 exchange.

The 1983/84 exchange had the largest number of participants ever, with 66 Indonesians and 66 Canadians participating. Participants were divided into two teams, and each Canadian twinned with an Indonesian.

The exchange began in Canada, where one team was sent to British Columbia and the other to Manitoba for three months. The participants engaged in community work such as tree planting, farmwork, daycare centre and cafeteria services.

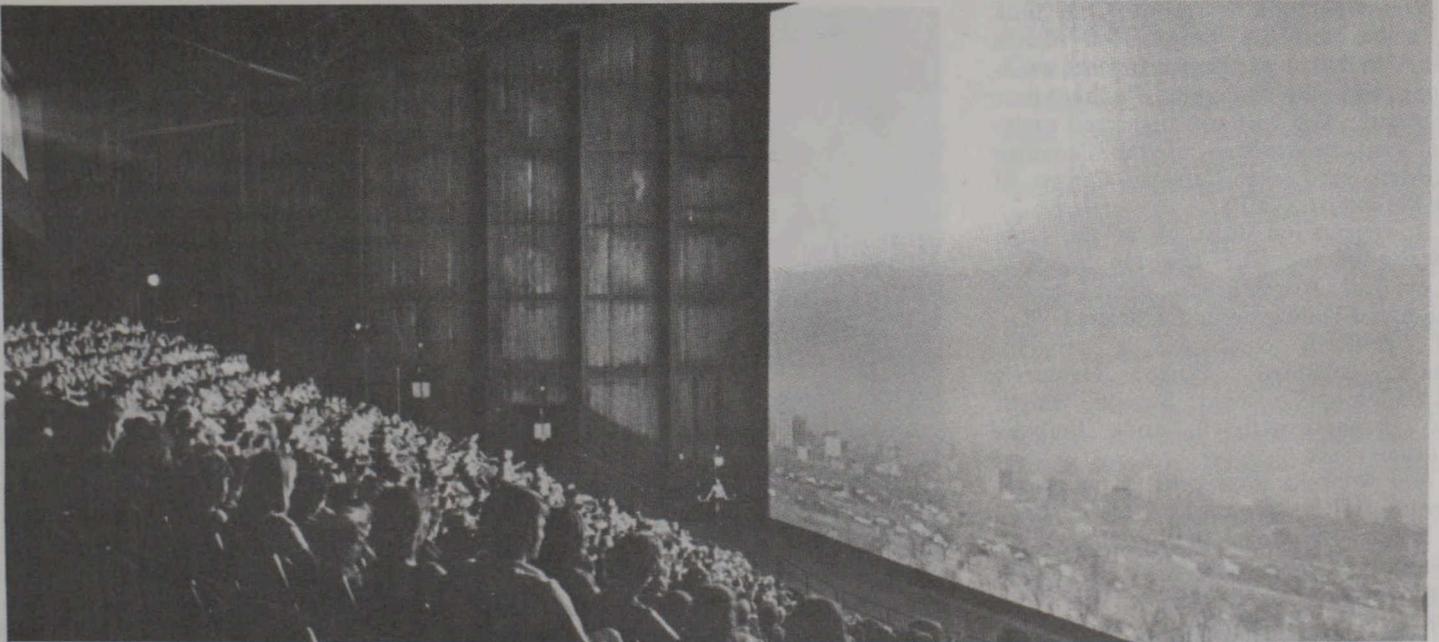


During his visit to Indonesia to attend the ASEAN Post Ministerial Conference, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs Jean Chrétien held talks with Indonesian President Suharto. President Suharto expressed his appreciation to Mr. Chrétien for Canadian cooperation with Indonesia and discussed developments in the Pacific area. The President was also invited to come to Canada, where he has been once in the past.

The entire group then spent three months in Indonesia. The groups were assigned to eight different villages in two provinces on the island of Kalimantan. There, participants lived with host families and worked in small development projects funded by the Indonesian

Government and identified by village committees.

Projects included road improvement, latrine construction, vegetable gardens related to nutrition improvement classes, children's playground construction and clean water supply systems.



Taman Mini Indonesia, Jakarta's premier amusement park, inaugurated its new theatre on April 19, 1984, in a ceremony attended by President and Mrs. Suharto, Indonesian officials and members of the diplomatic corps. The theatre is equipped with the Imax system, a high fidelity motion picture system created and developed by Imax Systems Corporation of Toronto. Imax uses state of the art technology to create very large movie images of unsurpassed clarity and impact, together with a sophisticated sound system, thus making possible the design of advanced theatres with screens of unprecedented size.

Imax picture systems were first installed in Ontario Place in Toronto, and are now being used in several theatres in Canada, the United States, Argentina and now Indonesia. The Indonesian contract is valued at \$1 million.

Canada Welcomes Appointment of Foreign Minister Tolentino

Canada's new Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Hon. Jean Chrétien had an early opportunity at the recent ASEAN Post Ministerial Conference in Jakarta to get to know his new ASEAN Dialogue Partner, the Hon. Arturo Tolentino, Foreign Minister of the Philippines—the Coordinator Country for the Canada-ASEAN Dialogue relationship. Both Ministers took office on the same day, 30 June, and Mr. Chrétien expressed the hope, in meeting Dr. Tolentino, that the day would prove an auspicious one for both of them.

Arturo Tolentino is not new to foreign affairs, nor to ASEAN. As Minister of State for Foreign Affairs in the Interim Batasan Pambansa, he attended several ASEAN Ministerial Meetings and was one of the three Philippines Representatives on the ASEAN Task Force. He is best known to Canadians, however, for his able contribution, notably on the Archipelago Doctrine, to the work of UN Conferences on the Law of the Sea—where his cooperation was much appreciated by successive Canadian Delegations. In the Philippines, he is most widely respected for his long time service



Minister of Foreign Affairs A. Tolentino.

to the nation as a parliamentarian and constitutional lawyer.

His erudition, his diligence, his integrity and his ready wit will again make him one of the most closely observed members of the new Batasan.

New Asst Minister for ASEAN Affairs

Canada also welcomes the recent appointment of Counsellor Romualdo A Ong as Acting Assistant Minister for ASEAN Affairs in the Philippines Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In this capacity, Counsellor Ong will play a key role in fostering Canada's Dialogue Relationship with ASEAN.

He recently played host in Manila to the ASEAN Preparatory Meeting for the Second Annual Joint Consultative Committee meeting (JCC) which will meet in Manila September 26 to 27 under his chairmanship to review progress under the Canada-ASEAN Economic Cooperation Agreement signed in 1981 and consider new initiatives for cooperation.

Counsellor Ong has had considerable experience with ASEAN affairs in his long career with the Ministry and is particularly knowledgeable in the area of international economic cooperation and development, having served four years in Geneva, working principally with UNCTAD, and as director of the responsible division in the MFA from 1982 to 1983.

Canada looks forward to working with its new colleagues.

Canadian Maestro Conducts Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra

Victor Feldbrill of Toronto undertook an active ten day program in Manila which included performances and workshops with the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra. The visit was organized under the joint sponsorship of the Canadian Embassy and the Cultural Centre of the Philippines (CCP).

A concert on July 14 at the Main Theatre of the CCP was the highlight of his visit. Working with the 81-person Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra (PPO), Mr. Feldbrill conducted a program which included Pierre Mercure's "Kaleidoscope", Robert Strauss' "Death and Transfiguration" and Brahms' Symphony No. 2.

Mr. Feldbrill is at present on assignment in Tokyo where he has been invited to hold various teaching and conducting assignments and concerts. In 1979, responding to an invitation from Geidi, Tokyo's University of the Arts, Mr. Feldbrill spent a period of three months conducting orchestras connected with the University in a comprehensive rehearsal programme in addition to public concerts. He is the only Canadian conductor to be so honoured by one of Japan's foremost music schools, and his work there was so successful that he was



Mr. Feldbrill rehearsing with the Orchestra.

invited to return in 1980, 1981 and this year in various capacities. He was engaged for guest conducting assignments with the Tokyo Metropolitan Orchestra and in Sapporo with that city's Philharmonic. Mr. Feldbrill also holds the distinction of being the first Canadian to be named to the post of Professor at Tokyo's University of the Arts.

Mr. Feldbrill first studied violin and later conducting. He conducted his first student concert at 18, directing the Toronto Symphony under the auspices of Sir Ernest MacMillan. He has held various positions, including Concertmaster and Assistant Conductor of the Royal Conservatory Symphony Orchestra and the Royal Conservatory Opera. For 10 years, he was the Music Director of the Winnipeg Orchestra, and on several occasions, conducted the National Youth Orchestra.

The winner of several awards, Victor Feldbrill was the first recipient of the Canadian Music Citation, given by the Canadian League of Composers.

After his Philippine tour, he will return to Canada on another conducting assignment with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra where he worked in the past as a resident conductor.

THAILAND

CIDA President Gets First-hand Look at Development Projects in Thailand

Following quickly on the heels of Thai Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda's visit to Canada, CIDA's President, Mrs. Margaret Catley-Carlson, visited Thailand from May 12 to May 22. The visit afforded Mrs. Catley-Carlson the opportunity to see first-hand many of the projects CIDA is financing in Thailand and to meet Thai and Canadian personalities actively involved in Thailand's development efforts.

In Bangkok Mrs. Catley-Carlson called on Her Royal Highness Princess Sirindhorn, Prime Minister Prem, Foreign Minister Air Chief Marshal Siddhi Savetsila, Minister for Science, Technology and Energy Damrong Lathapiphat, and Minister of the Prime Minister's Office Banyat Bantadtan, as well as senior officials connected with development assistance. Dr. Snoh Unakul, Secretary-General of the National Economic and Social Development Board, met with Mrs. Catley-Carlson to review the establishment of the Thai Development Research Institute.

During the course of the visit, Mrs. Catley-Carlson also spent several days in the Northeast, Thailand's least developed area, and the focus of CIDA's rural development efforts in Thailand. In the Khon Kaen area CIDA's President visited a village workers training program and the University of Khon Kaen. In the provinces of Surin and Buriram rural



Mrs. Catley-Carlson is shown greeting Foreign Minister Air Chief Marshal Siddhi Savetsila at a reception hosted by Canadian Ambassador John L. Paynter.

development projects being implemented by CUSO and UNICEF were visited in addition to His Majesty the King's Project at Lahansai. Mrs. Catley-Carlson also had the opportunity to open officially the CIDA-assisted CBIRD Project. This project is being implemented by the Population and Community Development Association.

Before leaving Thailand, Mrs. Catley-Carlson toured the Asian Institute of Technology located near Bangkok. CIDA assistance in the form of technical assistance and scholarships is being provided to AIT students through CIDA's program of assistance to regional institutions.

Canada Commits More Funds for International Refugee Program in Thailand

Canada will provide \$2 million for refugee programmes in Thailand, the Honorary Jean Chrétien, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced in Jakarta on 12 July.

The funds will be provided by the International Humanitarian Assistance Programme of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and will be divided evenly between the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the United Nations Border Relief Operation (UNBRO).

The Canadian grants will be utilized for relief in the border areas and for the holding camps inside Thailand in the border areas, some 220,000 displaced people from Cambodia are given food, medical assistance and shelter. In the camps, another 128,000 refugees receive basic facilities prior to repatriation or resettlement.

Canada, over the past few years, has contributed \$27.8 million to the international effort to assist these displaced

persons.

Canada will contribute an additional \$110,000 to the continuing international effort to combat acts of piracy committed against Vietnamese refugees in the Gulf of Thailand, former Deputy Prime Minister and External Affairs Minister Allan J. MacEachen announced on 15 June.

The program provides financial assistance to Thailand's government and armed forces to conduct such activities as air and sea patrols.

Since the beginning of the mass exodus of "boat people" from Vietnam in 1978, refugees have been subject to numerous and often brutal attacks in the waters of the Gulf of Thailand.

The Anti-Piracy Program came into effect in June 1982, in response to concerns raised by Canada and other members of the international community about the safety of boat people in the Gulf of Thailand. Canada contributed \$150,000 during the first year of the program.

Technology Exchange Exhibition Attracts Great Interest

Between May 22nd and 25th, twenty-eight Canadian companies participated in a CIDA-sponsored technology exchange exhibition at the Hilton Hotel in Bangkok. The companies were selected both on the grounds of having appropriate technology and a willingness to enter into joint ventures, licensing agreements or co-production arrangements with Thai companies.

The exhibition was jointly opened by H.E. Flight Lt. Sulee Mahasandana, Minister Attached to the Prime Minister's Office, and Mrs. Margaret Catley-Carlson, President of CIDA.

During the exhibition some 400 Thai manufacturing companies sent one or more of their representatives and met with an average of four Canadian participants. In a space of four days over 1,000 business contacts were made.

While it is too early to record specific results the majority of the Canadian companies reported good potential for some form of joint ventures and many were making tentative plans to return to Thailand under CIDA support in the next few months.

Energy Minister Addresses Dinner of Thai-Canadian Association

On the evening of May 31 in the Kitt Hall of the Dusit Thani Hotel, members of the newly-revived Thai-Canadian Association were treated to a stimulating address on the development and prospects of Thailand's petro-chemical industry by Minister Sulee Mahasanthana, who is the Minister responsible for energy matters within the Prime Minister's Office. Following his speech, Minister Sulee also offered his reflections on the results of the visit to Canada of Prime Minister Prem whom he accompanied.

The evening was very successful, the dining hall being packed to capacity with over 150 guests. Within the few months of its short existence, the Thai-Canadian Association has grown in both size and, more significantly, in stature. Thus, distinguished head-table guests included Dr. Akom Sorasuchart, President of the Thai-Canadian Association and an influential politician within the Democrat Party; Dr. Tongchat Hongladaromp, Governor of the Petroleum Authority of Thailand; Mr. Chira Xuto, the President of Siam Cement; Dr. Chokechai Aksaranan, Secretary-General of the Association of Thai Industries; and Dr. Kasem Suwanakul, Rector of Chulalongkorn University, as well as Ambassador and Mrs. John L. Paynter.

In addition to delicious food and interesting conversation, the members of the Association were treated to an exhibition of early Canadian photographs depicting Canada's oil industry in the mid to late nineteenth century. An abbreviated version of the recently created "Introduction to Canada Exhibition: Asean Version" was also shown and both displays were extremely well received.



Her Royal Highness Princess Galyana Mahidol of Thailand recently visited Canada's Niagara Falls. After being guided around the Falls by Mr. George Bailey, the Niagara Parks Commission's Director of Public Relations, Her Royal Highness was the guest of the Government of Canada at the Skylon Revolving Restaurant where she was afforded a spectacular view of the brilliantly-lit Falls.

As the first major event organized by the re nascent Thai-Canadian Association, the evening was considered very successful by all concerned. Those interested in further information concerning the Thai-Canadian Association are invited to contact Mr. Rodney Briggs, Second Secretary, at the Embassy or Khun Norarit Komalarajun at telephone number 279-8924 or 279-6324. While the Association's Board is still functioning on a temporary and acting basis, it is expected that a new Board will be elected at a full membership meeting next fall. Any persons having a particular connection with Canada are invited to join the Association.



Minister Sulee with other head table guests at the Thai-Canadian Association dinner.

Canadian Dancers Earn Great Acclaim

The visit of Les Grands Ballets Canadiens (GBC) to Bangkok 1-6 June 1984 was a resounding success. It represented the first major Canadian cultural event in Thailand since the establishment of the Embassy and, as such, contributed greatly to Canada's expanding profile.

On the artistic side, the performances were highly acclaimed by local critics, one of whom described the company as "Brimming over with vitality, they left the audience breathless...". Of particular delight to the Thai audience was a piece choreographed specially for the Thai visit by James Kudelka to the music of a composition by His Majesty King Bhumipol Adulyadej, entitled "Candlelight Blues".

The Bangkok performances were jointly organized by the prestigious Siam Kolkarn Music Foundation, the Canadian Embassy, and the Dusit Thani Hotel. Preparations began as far back as May 1983, following the decision of the Governments of Canada and Quebec, in association with Canadian Pacific Airlines, to assist in the financing of the Asian tour.

On June 1st, Ambassador Paynter hosted a welcoming reception which attracted more than 500 guests from all sectors of the artistic and media world. The guest of honour of that evening was Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Bichai Rattakul. On June 2nd, an elegant Gala dinner for 550 guests which was attended by many of Thailand's leading business, Thailand, who had assisted in making the Bangkok stop possible were also present. The guest of honour was the President of the Privy Council, Dr. Sanya Dharmasakdi, who represented the Royal Family which was in mourning following the death of Queen Rambhai Bharni, widow of King Rama VII. The dinner was also graced by the presence of Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda.

The June 3 performance was presided over by Privy Counsellor Dr. Chao Na Sylvanta, and both performances were exceptionally well-received by enthusiastic Thai audiences.

The visit was topped off by a farewell party hosted by Khunying Phornthip Narongdej, Vice-President of Siam Kolkarn Music Foundation, where the company was treated to a feast of Thai food and a performance of Thai classical dance.

The success of the GBC visit augurs well for further cultural initiatives in the future. As this experience clearly demonstrated, with the proper product, planning, and promotion, the prognosis for Canadian in culture in Thailand is most favourable indeed.

Malaysian Villagers Impressed by Locally-developed Waterpump

For the past two years about nine hundred villagers in the Kuala Pilah district have been enjoying a continuous supply of clean water from a number of Malaysian developed plastic pumps installed in their villages.

They recently told members of a survey team gauging user response to the pumps how impressed they were with the locally made model. It needed almost no repair during the two years of constant usage. The pump was so light and easy to operate that even children encountered little difficulty in using it. Because the handpump is made from plastic the water is never affected by rust, unlike traditional metal pumps which after some time will begin to deliver "yellow" rust contaminated water.

The Malaysian researcher behind the development of this new and efficient plastic pump is Professor Goh Sing Yau, a faculty member of the University of Malaysia at Kuala Lumpur. He is one of a group of researchers from Asia and Africa who in 1978 began testing a lightweight PVC handpump developed in the late 1970s by the Health Sciences Division of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) in collaboration with mechanical and chemical engineers at the University of Waterloo, Canada.

With a research grant from IDRC, Prof Goh redesigned the prototype and came out with the Malaysian model.

The University of Malaysia (UM) design has three major advantages over the traditional cast iron designs. First, the handpump is easy to fabricate because PVC parts can be solvent-welded together and worked on with light hand tools. This opens up the important possibility of widescale local manufacture, thereby avoiding the need to import.

Secondly, it is feasible for villagers to maintain the pump themselves because PVC is light and the main components — the footvalve, piston, and piston rod —



Royal Professor Ungku A. Aziz, Vice Chancellor of the University of Malaysia, trying his hand at the water pump. Looking on are High Commissioner Mr. Charles John Small and members of the faculty.

can be removed, inspected and repaired with relative ease.

Thirdly, plastic parts do not rust.

The UM pump performed so efficiently in its field tests that Prof Goh's team, now joined by colleagues from the Malaysian Ministry of Health, are taking research on the pump to a second phase.

This phase aims to develop mass production techniques for the manufacture of the pump on a commercial basis. IDRC is supporting the second phase with a research grant of \$297,500 which, together with the grants made for the first phase, brings the Centre's contribution to the project to a total of \$409,500.

The Canadian High Commission in Kuala Lumpur has also recently contributed seven machines, costing about \$40,000 to the project. These machines will be used by the research team in the fabrication of 550 prototype pumps for more intensive field-testing in Malaysia.

Apart from developing commercial fabrication methods, the second phase of the research project will also include a socioeconomic survey of potential handpump users to identify problems which may arise in its adoption. It will also develop appropriate manuals providing detailed guidelines and instructions for setting up manufacturing units; establishing quality control, installation and monitoring maintenance procedures.

The project is an intermediate step in the transfer of technology from basic research to commercialization; at the same time the team of Malaysian researchers are conscious that the success of the project depends on more than viable technology. The integration of the pump in the lives of those who need it will depend on a dynamic health education program. Villagers must understand how the pump functions and be aware of the benefits of clean water to good health.

Social Welfare Conference in Canada Attracts Malaysian Participants

From July 31 to August 11, 1984 social workers, professionals and volunteers of social welfare and social development communities from 78 countries, spanning 3 continents, will gather in Montreal, Canada for the International Conference on Social Welfare.

Participants of the six-week programme will have the opportunity to share experiences, discuss the challenging issues facing social development in the 80's and establish the basis for new co-

operation between members of the international community.

In addition, the participants will also be involved in specialized training programmes as guests of selected Canadian social welfare institutions and institutions of higher learning, under a four-week study programme commencing in early July.

Malaysia's participant at the conference will be Mr. Wong Sin Leong of the Ministry of Social Welfare. After the

conference, he will be a guest at York University's Department of Social Work in Toronto.

The conferences and study programme are being organized and funded by the International Council on Social Welfare, National Health and Welfare Canada, including various provincial and national agencies and institutions, in co-operation with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

Canadian Cooperation with Agricultural University of Malaysia

As part of the longstanding programme of institutional co-operation between Malaysia's Agricultural University and Ontario's University of Guelph, two regional training seminars were held at Universiti Pertanian with the sponsorship of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

The first was a workshop on teaching methods in agriculture from May 6 to 8, 1984. Attended by 25 participants from Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and Malaysia, the aim of the workshop was to improve classroom effectiveness and teaching skills of university staff involved with instruction of agriculture and related disciplines. Participants were selected from among full-time teaching staff in agricultural science and in related disciplines such as home science, food

science, veterinary medicine, forestry, nutrition. The workshop planners and faculty included four professors from the University of Guelph headed by Prof. Dr. J.C.M. Shute, and Dr. Sulaiman M. Yassin, Director, Centre for Extension and Continuing Education of Universiti Pertanian Malaysia.

The second was a regional training course in veterinary immunology held from May 14 to June 1, 1984 given by the University of Guelph's Prof. Bruce Wilkie. Its objective was to provide training in new advances and techniques in the field of veterinary immunology to veterinary scientists in developing countries of Asia. The course was attended by 28 microbiologists from host country Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh.

Oil and Gas Venture Mission

In April of this year, a group of seven Canadian companies participated in a CIDA-sponsored mission to identify joint venture opportunities in the Malaysian petroleum industry. The contingent boasted a wide range of capabilities from the manufacture of industrial rubber products to design of offshore production facilities.

There was tremendous interest demonstrated by Malaysian firms in the Canadian groups capabilities. Collectively, there were over 100 business contacts made.

As a result of the mission, Adley Consulting has established a joint venture for propane gas bottling and the Simmons Group has identified a Malaysian partner for training contracts in drilling operations.

BRUNEI

New Letter of Credentials for Canadian High Commissioner to Brunei

After the achievement of full independence by Brunei on January 1, Brunei is now ready to receive fully accredited foreign diplomats. In an audience with His Majesty Sultan Sir Muda Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Canadian High Commissioner to Brunei, Mr. Charles John Small, presented his new letter of credentials as Canada's first High Commissioner

to Brunei. Mr. Small is resident in Kuala Lumpur as Canadian High Commissioner to Malaysia.

During the audience, Mr. Small reviewed the development of Canadian-Brunei relations, including Prime Minister Trudeau's visit in January 1983 and International Trade Minister Gerald Regan's visit in February 1984.

While in Bandar Seri Begawan, High

Commissioner Small called upon Pengiran Bahrin Bin Pengiran Haji Abbas, Minister of Law and Communications and Dato Haji Zakaria, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Canada's annual exports to Brunei have grown to almost \$3 million, with good prospects for further sales of high technology office and communications equipment.



Mr. Charles John Small presenting his Letter of Credentials as Canada's first High Commissioner to Brunei to His Majesty Sultan Sir Muda Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah.

Canadian Academics Visit Brunei

Now that Brunei is a full-fledged member of ASEAN, Canadian academics specializing in the region are developing an interest in Brunei affairs.

The first two Canadian professors to make a research trip to Brunei spent a week in Bandar Seri Begawan from June 23 to 29. They were Dr. Bruce Burton, Associate Professor of Political Science, and Dr. Manbharana Marasinghe, Professor of Law, both from the University of Windsor, Ontario.

Professor Burton is conducting comparative research into the foreign policy of small Asian states, while Professor Marasinghe is writing about foreign investment laws in ASEAN.

While in Brunei, they called upon Pengiran Bahrin Bin Pengiran Haji Abbas, Minister of Law and Communications, and Mr. Lim Jock Seng, Director of ASEAN Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. While in the region the two professors visited research institutions in Kuala Lumpur and Singapore.

IDRC Provides Grant for Research into Rehabilitating Singapore Ponds

The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada earlier this year made a research grant totalling \$342,374 to a group of Singaporean, Malaysian and Canadian researchers to support their three-year research programme on the environmental problems caused by slime resulting from the quarrying and processing of aggregate for the building industry in Singapore.

The focus of the study is the tailings ponds and their contained slime. Over one hundred slime ponds accounting for 1.3 per cent of Singapore's land area, have been affected by this problem which, apart from wasting precious land, also deprives the island state of valuable water sources.

Researchers in one of Canada's leading geotechnical research centres located at McGill University, Montreal will be working closely with their colleagues from the Singapore Housing Development Board, McClelland Engineers of Singapore and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia to seek solutions to the problem.

Apart from the search for a method

to rehabilitate the affected ponds, the researchers from the three countries will also attempt to identify a procedure for future aggregate treatment which will reduce or eliminate the creation of permanent slime ponds and at the same time save the loss of water.

They will also be researching for a process to recover clay as a by-product of aggregate treatment.

The long term objectives of this group of scientists are directed at the creation of a research and operational capability in the field within the region. They hope to achieve this through direct participation in the research process and by both formal and informal training during the course of the research.

Within the region, the creation of local research and engineering capability in the several fields involved in the project will have wide applicability in land rehabilitation, alluvial ore mining and materials handling, all of which are essential for sound economical development of local resources and for improvement of the quality of life in settled areas.

Ballet Troupe Visit "Grand" Success

Les Grands Ballets Canadiens, as part of their Asian tour, opened the 1984 Singapore Festival of Arts with a gala performance which thrilled Singaporean audiences with a varied programme of both classical and avant-garde dance. Second Deputy Prime Minister and Mrs. S. Rajaratnam were Guests of Honour at the opening night performance.

The visit of Les Grands was the first major presentation of Canadian culture in Singapore. Local choreographers regarded the visit as significant for Singaporean dancers, setting an example of international standards for which to aim.

Included in the three performances were dances by Canadian choreographers Brian MacDonald and James Kudelka, with music written by Canadians Gilles Vigneault and Michael J. Baker.

East met West to the delight of audiences with Tam Ti Delam, which exuberantly reflects the joie de vivre of Quebec life and the company's roots, and the Red Ribbon Dance which demonstrated the colour and skill of traditional Chinese dance. These two 'folk' dances which capture the essence of their respective cultures were received with plenty of foot-tapping and thunderous applause.

James Kudelka's In Paradisum was sensitively performed to critical acclaim.

Les Grands rendition of Balanchine's "Concerto Barocco" and "Serenade" showed the company's range in more traditional ballet works.

The Lianhe Zaobao newspaper regarded the two hour performance as "a venture into an enchanted world" The article went on to affirm that Les Grands are a company of international stature.

During their visit here the company held three well attended open rehearsals and generally enjoyed the sights and sounds of Singapore. His Excellency, High Commissioner George W. Seymour and his wife welcomed the dancers to their home where the group was introduced to members of Singapore's dance community.

At another High Commission get-together, dancers met cast members of the local "Bumboat" production and were entertained by mime artists Roger Jenkins and Tina Sargent, who trained with the world-famous Marcel Marceau.

After Singapore the company left for the next stage in their exhausting nine week tour: a twelve city tour of Japan before completing their Asian visit in Seoul. Earlier they had visited Peking, Shanghai, Canton, Hong Kong and Bangkok.

Montreal Taps Singapore Financial Market

The Montreal Urban Community (MUC) announced on 11 July that it would offer a US\$50 million floating rate note (FRN) in Singapore. Mr. Pierre Des Marais II, chairman of the Community, was on hand to sign the agreement which is being managed by Daiwa Singapore Limited with the Development Bank of Singapore as the fiscal and paying agent.

This was the first occasion for the MUC to seek financing in Singapore. As a major enterprise in North America, the MUC has found it vital to diversify its sources of funds and in Mr. Des Marais' words "the Singapore financial market is a major capital centre; we simply cannot overlook it."

The funds will be used to discharge maturing debts incurred to finance major development of the infrastructure of the Montreal Urban Community, including extension of its highly regarded subway system, and construction of regional parks and municipal waste treatment facilities.

The Montreal Urban Community is made up of 29 municipalities on the island of Montreal. The largest city in the Province of Quebec, Montreal has a population of 1.8 million people living in an area of 490 sq. kms.

Joint Venture in Refrigeration Design

Computers will serve as the link for a joint venture in refrigeration design between J.H. Lock & Sons Ltd. of Toronto and Applied Engineering Pte. Ltd. of Singapore.

The Toronto-based company designs and manufactures refrigeration systems for the chemical, petrochemical and food processing industries.

Applied Engineering, a member of the Warnes Group, is one of the foremost makers of steel and process equipment in Southeast Asia.

The two companies will bid for projects throughout the region. Depending on the project, one or the other company will act as contractor, with their partner participating as a sub-contractor.

Detailed designs will be transferred directly to the workshop in Singapore from the design room in Canada through computer terminals here and in Canada.

This example of electronic technology transfer heralds an exciting new technique for increased cooperation between companies in Canada and the ASEAN region.

Practical Training for Computer Board Scholars

There will be no summer break for three Singapore National Computer Board scholars this year. After completing their first year of computer studies at various Canadian universities, they will participate in on-the-job computer training with I.P. Sharp Associates Limited in Toronto. Leong Mun Kew and Yuen Chen Yin of the University of Toronto and Wendy Chiew Chooi Leng of the University of Waterloo form the second group of Singapore students to participate in I.P. Sharp's highly successful three-month programme.

The computer language used at I.P. Sharp is APL which the students learn quickly in an introductory course. Once they are familiar with the language they participate in various projects under the supervision of experienced staff at I.P. Sharp's head office. The work schedule is flexible with emphasis being placed on independent effort and experimentation.

Last year's students, Chang Lian Chow and Kennedy Chew Khien Mien, worked on such projects as building an interface function between two Sharp systems and writing a "device driver" for a graphics package. The results have become integral parts of I.P. Sharp's product.

That experience has shown that the students are eager and provide stimulus to the I.P. Sharp operations. Such attachments provide challenging learning experiences which are of mutual benefit to the company and trainees.

I.P. Sharp is a Toronto-based international software company, and the largest supplier of numeric data bases in the world. It also provides computer time sharing services and programme support and consultancy services. The company has been represented in Singapore since June 1, 1981. In December of the same year, it entered into a joint venture with Singapore Airlines to form Singapore International Software Services Pte Ltd to represent I.P. Sharp locally.

There are at present seven Singaporean students in Canada on National Computer Board scholarships. The scholars are enrolled in undergraduate courses in computer science at two of Canada's leading universities: University of Toronto and University of Waterloo, both located in the Province of Ontario.

I.P. Sharp will hold its Sixth Annual A.P.L. Users Meeting in Toronto in October. Participants from the A.P.L. community and computing industry from all over the world will meet to exchange new ideas and methodologies. There will be several "how-to" sessions, including designing, implementing and managing a specialized global information network.

CANADA-SINGAPORE AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT SIGNED



On 12 June 1984, Mr. Lim Hock San (left), Singapore's Director of Civil Aviation and H.E. Mr. George W. Seymour (right), High Commissioner for Canada, signed the Canada-Singapore Air Services Agreement. In attendance were senior representatives of the two major Canadian air carriers, including Mr. P.J. Jeannot, President and Chief Executive Officer of Air Canada, and Mr. R. Huisman, Vice President (Marketing) of Canadian Pacific Airlines (CP Air).

Singapore Experts at Energy Symposium in Regina

Singapore shared its experience in energy conservation with international experts who gathered in Regina, Saskatchewan in May for Energex 84.

The Canadian government invited both academics and industrialists from several tropical countries to speak on the general problems of cooling buildings in a hot and humid climate and to outline how construction designs might help cut energy costs.

Professor B.P. Lim of the Department of Building Sciences of the National University of Singapore chaired one of the conference sessions on "Passive Solar Building Design and Evaluation". He also presented a paper on "Energy Conservation of Buildings in the Hot Humid Climate - An Overview".

Professor Lim read a paper on behalf

of colleague K.R. Rao, entitled "Energy Conservation Possibilities through Building Design and Passive Cooling Techniques in Warm Climates"; and a joint paper by N.E. Wijesunders and M.N. Hawlader on "Transient Indoor Testing Solar Collectors".

Dr. Lim Chan Teng, Head of the Fuel Process Engineering Section of Esso Singapore, told how his company had cut energy costs at its local refinery. He highlighted plans for further savings over the next five years.

Energex 84 was the second conference sponsored by, among others, the Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan. This year's theme was the effective integration of conservation measures into national programs for energy self-sufficiency.

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