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SPEAKER OF CANADIAN SENATE TOURS ASEAN

The Speaker of the Senate of Canada, the Honourable Guy Charbonneau, conducted a tour of ASEAN capitals in August and September. The theme of his tour, strengthening parliamentary relations, was the reflection of the strong desire on the part of Canadian parliamentarians to develop closer contact with their ASEAN counterparts.

In his visits, Senator Charbonneau called upon Mr Kharis Suhud, Speaker of the Parliament of Indonesia; Dr Yeoh Ghim Seng, Speaker of the Parliament of Singapore; Tan Sri Dato' Mohamed Zahir, President of the House of Representatives of Malaysia, and Datuk Abang Haji Ahmad Urai, President of the Senate of Malaysia; Mr Jovito Salong, President of the Senate of the Philippines; and Mr Ranja Kesornthong, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Thailand. Senator Charbonneau also paid courtesy calls on Mr Pong Sarasin, Acting Prime Minister of Thailand, and Mrs Corazon Aquino, President of the Philippines.

Earlier, Senator Charbonneau



had attended the ASEAN Inter-parliamentary Organization General Assembly Meeting in Kuala Lumpur in January 1988. He had been impressed then by the interest shown in developing closer ties with Canada.

In following up on his interest, Senator Charbonneau has issued an invitation on behalf of the

Senator Charbonneau and Mrs Yolande Charbonneau call on President Corazon Aquino during their three-day visit to the Philippines. Looking on is Ambassador Russell H. Davidson.

Canadian Parliament to all ASEAN countries to send representatives to Canada in March 1989 with a view to establishing a more normal dialogue relationship.

New High Commissioner to Malaysia

Garrett Lambert has taken up his appointment as the new Canadian High Commissioner to Malaysia. He replaces Manfred von Nostitz, who has become Ambassador to Pakistan. Mr Lambert presented his credentials to the Yang di Pertuan Agong of Malaysia on September 16, 1988.

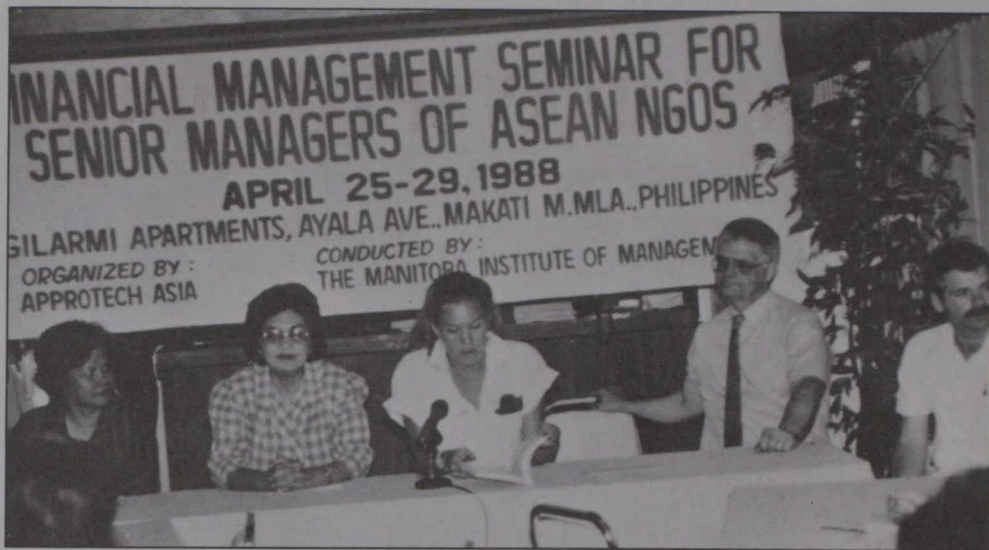
A native of Toronto, Mr Lambert joined the Canadian foreign service in 1969, and has served in Teheran, Bonn and Warsaw. He was also High Commissioner to Nigeria between 1982 and 1985. From 1978 to 1982, he was Director General of the Industrial Cooperation program at the Canadian International Development Agency. Just prior to his appointment to Kuala Lumpur, he was Director General of the United States Trade Bureau of the Department of External Affairs in Ottawa.

Mr Lambert is accompanied by his wife, Helen, and their two sons, Jason, 13, and Alexander, 11.



High Commissioner Garrett Lambert presenting his credentials to His Majesty Sultan Iskandar, the Yang di Pertuan Agong of Malaysia.

ASEAN-CANADA FUND



1. Opening session of APPROTECH seminar. From left: Erna Witoelar, Vice Chairperson, Indonesian Environmental Forum (WALHI); Lilia Oblepías Ramos, Executive Officer, APPROTECH Asia; Ingrid Knutson, CIDA-Philippines; Brian Trump, Program Director, MIM; Ralph Brown, Program Director, MIM. 2. Opening session of ASEAN food, nutrition and rural development workshop.

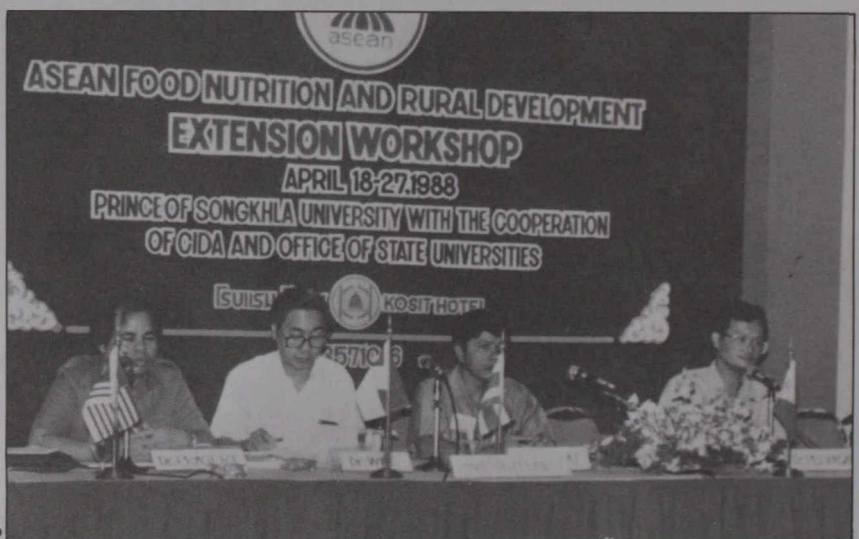
The ASEAN-Canada Fund is an activity of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), administered through Canadian Embassies in the ASEAN region. Through this fund, Canada seeks to support the building of a regionally active NGO network. The program is presently coordinated from Bangkok but is soon to be transferred permanently to the Canadian Embassy in Singapore.

The program enables Canada to support the activities of locally based groups working with the rural and urban poor and to respond to their requests quickly and effectively. Its priority sectors have been defined as human resource and social development, environment, agriculture, fisheries and forestry.

Special efforts have also been made to ensure that projects funded reflect Canada's policy of integrating women more fully into its development assistance program. To this end, thus far in 1988, 44 per cent of the projects funded have a strong WID component.

The following are examples of two proposals funded through this ASEAN fund:

1. The Asian Alliance of Appropriate Technology Practitioners (APPROTECH Asia), based in the Philippines, in conjunction with the Manitoba Institute of Management, recently conducted a training seminar for ASEAN NGO leaders. This proposal was developed out of a need expressed by women



working as leaders and managers in regional NGOs.

The participants, representing 15 NGOs, were given an overview of appropriate financial management systems, procedures and techniques. They also received one-to-one assistance in developing financial systems appropriate to their respective NGOs.

To help sustain the project, participants will have access to on-the-ground consultations via APPROTECH. APPROTECH will also monitor and evaluate the project on an ongoing basis in order to provide up-to-date information.

2. In April 1988, Prince of Songkhla University of Thailand hosted an ASEAN food, nutrition and rural development workshop.

The objective was to develop a source book for community development workers in the participating countries. Thirty-eight resource personnel representing five ASEAN countries and a variety of disciplines worked together to develop six draft chapters. These were then evaluated and critiqued by 80 practitioners. These observations will be included in the final version of the source book.

It is hoped that through regional projects like these, organizations working with the poor will be able to learn from one another, strengthen their regional voice in support of more equitable socio-economic development and carry new and innovative techniques to their local communities.



The contract-signing ceremony. Seated on the left row: Paopat Javanalikhorn, General Manager, EGAT, Lawrence Smith, Canadian Ambassador to Thailand. Seated third and fourth from the right: Peter Rutherford and Peter Koelbleitner, representing CE.

POWER GENERATOR FOR THAILAND

In Bangkok in mid-September, the Electrical Generating Authority of Thailand (EGAT) signed an \$80 million contract with Combustion Engineering Canada Inc. (CE) for the installation of another 300 megawatt (MW) coal-fired steam generator.

Thailand's power requirements are rising. In an effort to meet these increased demands, the development of domestic fuels for power generation are receiving top priority. Lignite coal reserves have been discovered in the north and south of the country.

CE has played a major role in the development of the Mae Moh site, located approximately 560 km north of Bangkok. At present, four of the seven lignite-fired power plants, producing 825 MW of electricity, are 150 MW CE installations. A further two 300 MW installations are scheduled to begin operating in the near future. With the latest contract, CE will be responsible for the production of 1,500 MW of electrical power out of a total of 1,725.

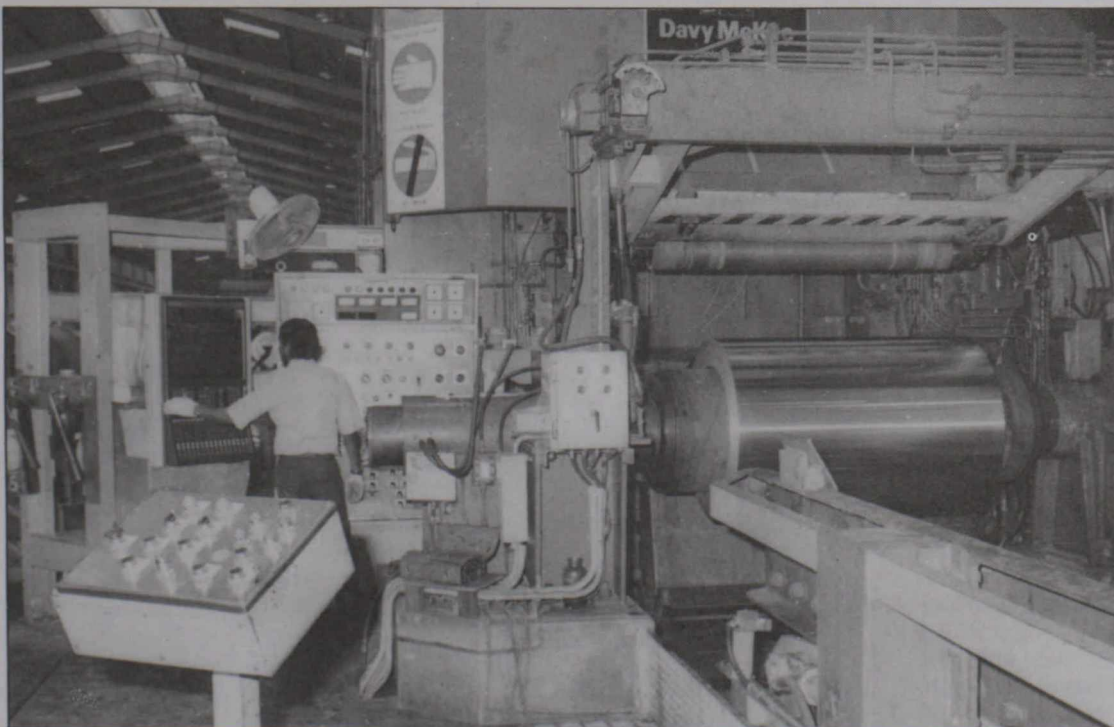
The cooperation between CE and EGAT does not stop here. They will continue to work closely in meeting Thailand's power requirements.

25 YEARS IN MALAYSIA

Aluminium Company of Malaysia Berhad (Alcom), Malaysia's pioneer aluminium company and also one of Canada's major investments in Malaysia, recently celebrated its silver jubilee. In 25 years, Alcom has grown to become one of the largest, most modern manufacturers of aluminium extrusion, sheet and foil products in the ASEAN region.

Alcom's parent company Alcan, the world's largest aluminium manufacturer, has always provided strong support. According to Alcom Managing Director Mr Ben Pester, Alcan recently continued its investment in Malaysia with M\$60 million in new capital. A further \$20 million is about to be injected.

Mr Pester also stressed Alcan's commitment to Malaysia through Alcom. During its anniversary celebration, the company gave tribute to both its 500 employees for dedicated service and commitment through the years and the Malaysian Government for its management of the country's stable economy.



Inside Alcom's new sheet and foil rolling mill.

Canadian Dairy Mission visits M'sia, Thailand

A delegation of Canadian dairy experts visited Thailand and Malaysia in September and October to meet with their counterparts. The delegation was headed by Dr John E. McGowan, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, Agricultural Programs, Department of Agriculture Canada. He was accompanied by Canadian agricultural officials and representatives of Canada's livestock industry.

The highlights of the delegation's stopovers in Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok and Chiang Mai were the Dairy Technical Seminars which attracted several hundred experts, government officials, cooperative representatives and cattle importers. The seminars addressed key issues such as animal health, nutrition, breeding strategies and genetic improvement programs.

In Malaysia, training programs were also discussed, drawing on the experience between the two countries over the past number of years. Many staff members of the Department of Veterinary Services of Malaysia were trained at the University of Guelph in Canada, and senior department officers have visited Canada on educational and fact-finding trips.

The delegation had a number of commercial objectives which found an equally receptive audience in Malaysia. As a consequence, sales of Canadian livestock (cattle and swine), Canadian bull semen and frozen embryos, and Canadian feed supplement are in the offing. An exciting project to develop a crossbreed of dairy cattle based on the best traits of cattle in both Canada and Malaysia and able to tolerate tropical conditions was also advanced by the delegation.

Visits to several dairy farms, milk collection centres and dairy processing plants in both countries were also included in the program. In Malaysia, the delegation also met with officials of the Malaysian Agriculture Research and Development Institute; the Agricultural University of Malaysia; and the State Veterinary Office at Air Keroh, Melaka.



High Commissioner Garrett Lambert addressing the Malaysia-Canada Dairy Technical Seminar in Kuala Lumpur. Among those at the head table are Malaysian Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Dato' Alex Lee (third from left) and leader of the Canadian delegation, Dr John McGowan (second from left).

Maple Tree for Thailand

While in Bangkok, Dr John McGowan donated a silver maple tree to the Royal Thai Botanical Garden, Suan Luang Rama IX Foundation (SLRF), on behalf of Canada's Department of Agriculture. This tree, native to Canada and the symbol on Canada's flag, came from Montreal's Botanical Gardens.

Dr McGowan is seen presenting a plaque to Major General Chamlong Srimuang, Governor of Bangkok, at the official planting ceremony held at SLRF on 30 September. Looking on are, from left to right, Canada's Ambassador to Thailand, H.E. Lawrence A.H. Smith, Trade Counsellor Mr Robert Vanderloo, Mr David Solloway of Canadian International Airlines, and Thailand's Ambassador to Canada, H.E. Manaspas Xuto.





Foto Antara

Mr Mochtar (left) and Mr Whittleton after the signing ceremony in Jakarta.

Irrigation Project in Central Sulawesi

As a part of its development cooperation program in Indonesia, Canada will provide a grant of \$10 million over four years for an irrigation development project in the Dolago-Torue area in Central Sulawesi. This is in accordance with a memorandum of understanding signed by the Canadian Ambassador to Indonesia, H.E. Jack Whittleton, and Indonesia's Minister of Public Works, Ir. Radinal Mochtar.

The new project is also a strong indication of Canada's responsiveness to Indonesia's current need to maintain investment in agricultural production.

The project is designed to provide irrigation of a rice field with a total area of 4,600 hectares, which will in turn increase the production of rice by 30,000 tons annually. The local populations — about 6,000 in Dolago and 10,000 in Torue — are expected to benefit through greater food security and improved living standards.

INDONESIAN MINISTER VISITS CANADA

Indonesia's Minister for Research and Technology, Prof. Dr Eng. B.J. Habibie, visited Canada on 16-22 September. He travelled to Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal as a guest of the Honourable Frank Oberle, P.C., M.P., Canada's Minister of State for Science and Technology.

Dr Habibie's visit gave the two Ministers the opportunity to exchange views on the respective roles of government in Canada and Indonesia in the promotion of science and technological applications. He also had a discussion with Canada's Minister of Communications, the Honourable Flora MacDonald.

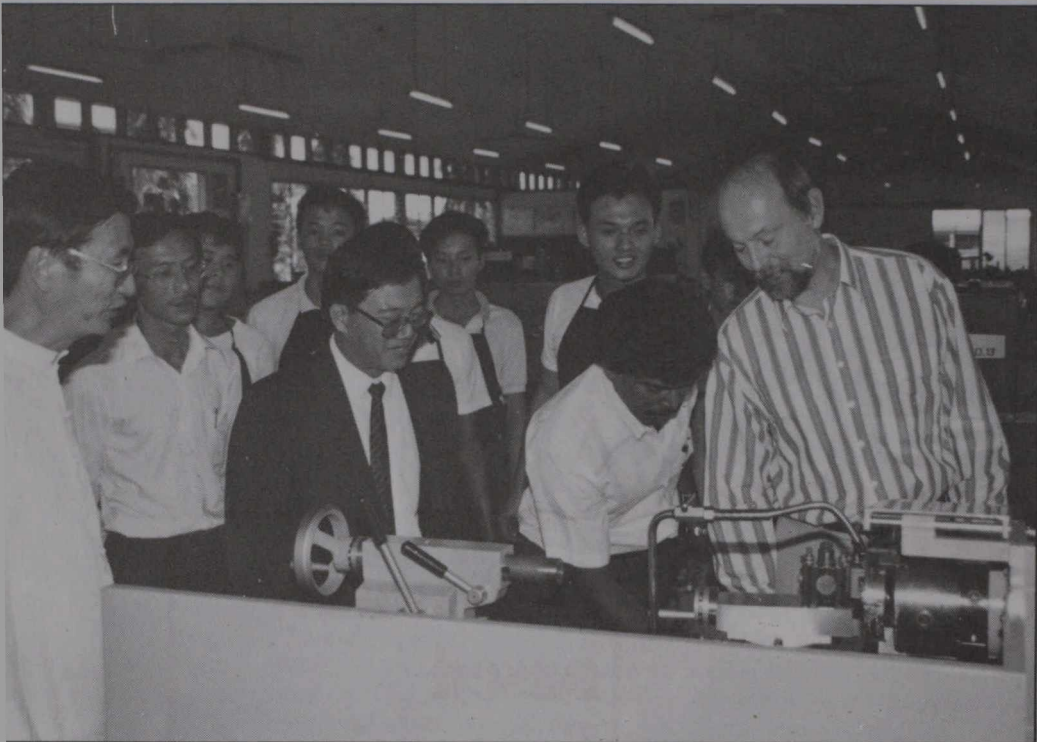
Dr Habibie toured a number of Canadian facilities which demonstrated advanced technologies, and met with representatives of several companies which are interested in cooperating with Indonesia in its economic development. He also addressed several audiences — in particular a group of senior Canadian corporated leaders gathered in Ottawa — about Indonesia's developing high technology industries.

Community-based Economic Development

A joint workshop in community-based economic development was held in Solo, Central Java, on October 18-27, 1988. Its purpose: to encourage contacts between Canadian and Indonesian NGO communities with the hope of identifying a number of long-term programming activities.

Representatives of 13 Canadian NGOs and 20 Indonesian NGOs met to share their experiences and discuss the possibility of cooperating on development initiatives. Topics for discussion included appropriate technology, women in development, environmental issues and rural employment creation. The results of the workshop should be of interest to all development workers interested in the encouragement of partnerships between Canadian and Asian institutions in ASEAN.

Training for the Future



High Commissioner Lambert (far right) dedicates new engineering equipment at the Montfort Boys Town. Looking on are Mr Anthony Tan, Principal/Superintendent of the school (wearing dark coat) and Brother Mark Tee, Director of Montfort (far left).

The Montfort Boys Town was established three decades ago by the Brothers of St Gabriel, a Canadian religious order. This voluntary, non-profit welfare organization, located near Kuala Lumpur, provides social development and industrial training to orphans and youths from underprivileged families in Malaysia. Currently, about 250 young men aged between 15 and 20 years reside full-time at Montfort.

Although direct Canadian involvement in the management of the school ended several years ago, the Canadian High Commission in Malaysia continues to provide substantial financial assistance to Montfort. In the early 1970s, a grant of \$95,000 was made by CIDA's Special Projects Branch towards building of a hostel, assembly hall and an agricultural/farming facility. In 1983, a Canada Fund contribution was made towards the purchase of offset printing equipment. On October 2, High Commissioner Garrett Lambert attended the dedication of Canada's most recent contribution — engineering equipment donated through the High Commission's Canada Fund.

This contribution is particularly appropriate in view of Montfort's role, through its Vocational Institute, to provide technical training in industrial skills. The training undertaken by these students is thorough and will enable them to gain productive employment on leaving the school. They will also contribute to the supply of skilled labour available in Malaysia.

Vietnamese Refugee Orientation

The Canadian Cultural Orientation Program for Vietnamese boat people was set up under a Canada Fund for Local Initiatives grant from the High Commission in Kuala Lumpur. The program, located at Sungei Besi, Malaysia, is moving into its second year of productive operation.

The program is administered by a coordinator fielded under the auspices of the World University Services of Canada (WUSC). He is assisted by members of the local Canadian community as volunteer teachers.

Following a set curriculum, the teachers provide a diversified range of information for refugees selected for resettlement in Canada. Subjects covered range from learning functional and practical skills, such as how to carry out an effective job search or how to use a bank, to social orientation, such as how to enhance their own cultural identity within the Canadian mosaic.

Attempts are also made to reduce attitudinal problems stemming from dislocation. Being homeless and waiting in a state of transition for up to two years is a major psychological strain on refugees. Canada-bound refugees are helped to focus on the positive aspects of their lives by maintaining an encouraging attitude on their present situation and determining what their goals and directions in Canada will be.

The program averages an attendance of 120 every month; its popularity is indicated by the 90 per cent attendance rate at its voluntary classes. The program's administrators have found that identifying non-registered participants is a greater problem than truancy.

The next year poses challenges for the program — the expected increase of refugees who will be coming to Sungei Besi and plans for the eventual closure of the Pulau Bidong refugee camp. However, the program is confident it can meet these challenges.

FIFTH KL TERRY FOX RUN

In September, 75 enthusiastic runners showed up in the early hours of a Sunday morning to participate in the fifth annual Terry Fox Run in Kuala Lumpur. The purpose of the run was to raise funds for the Canadian Cancer Society.

Terry Fox was a heroic young Canadian athlete who, after losing a leg to cancer, embarked on a run across Canada to raise money for cancer research. His run started in April 1980, but tragically ended at the 5,373km mark — only halfway to his goal — when cancer was discovered in his lungs. He died shortly thereafter.

In his memory, each September, a run is staged in Canada and also by Canadian communities abroad to continue his efforts to finance the search for a cure for cancer.

In Kuala Lumpur, this year, the runners, comprising Malaysians and Canadians, raised almost \$1,500. The event was a "fun run", in which the less active participants could choose to walk or cycle the 10km route.



Mrs Helen Lambert presents the winner's medal to Patrick Coyne at the end of the 1988 Terry Fox Run. The master of ceremonies is High Commissioner Garrett Lambert.

TRADE



On Canadian Trade Policy

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's Personal Representative to the Economic Summit and Ambassador to the Multilateral Trade Negotiations, Dr Sylvia Ostry, travelled to Singa-

pore for a two-day visit, October 4-5. During her visit, which included a meeting with Singapore's Minister of State for Trade and Industry, Mr Mah Bow Tan, she outlined Cana-

Dr Ostry meets with members of the National University of Singapore's Economics Department. Professor Lim Chong Ya, Head of the Department, is seated across from Dr Ostry.

da's "two-track approach" to trade policy.

Canadian Trade Policy has been formulated as a response to the reality of an interdependent world. The capacity to adapt to increasing international competition requires a secure market of sufficient size to exploit economics of scale, scope and specialization. The Canada-US Free Trade Agreement, negotiated over a two-year period and awaiting ratification in Canada, is one essential element in our policy strategy.

In addition to strengthening the competitive basis of both the Canadian and US economies and providing impetus to growth in both countries, the agreement should provide further momentum to trade liberalization globally.

The major vehicle for this forward movement, the second track in Canadian Trade Policy, is the multi-lateral trade negotiations — the Uruguay Round — now underway in Geneva. Dr Ostry stressed Canada's commitment to this round of negotiations, as well as the importance of the Montreal Ministerial Meeting scheduled for December.

"The Montreal Ministerial Meeting," Dr Ostry said, "is a policy



Thailand's Ministry of Commerce Special Advisor on International Trade Relations Mr Choopong Angpiroj (seated far right) hosted a lunch in honour of Dr Ostry. Seated next to Dr Ostry is ASEAN Committee on Trade and Tourism Chairman Mr Ridzwan Dzafir from Singapore and Canada's Ambassador to Thailand, H.E. Lawrence A.H. Smith.

event of fundamental strategic significance and all GATT members are committed to its success. As the communique of the Toronto Summit stressed: 'the mid-term review will provide a unique opportunity to send a credible political

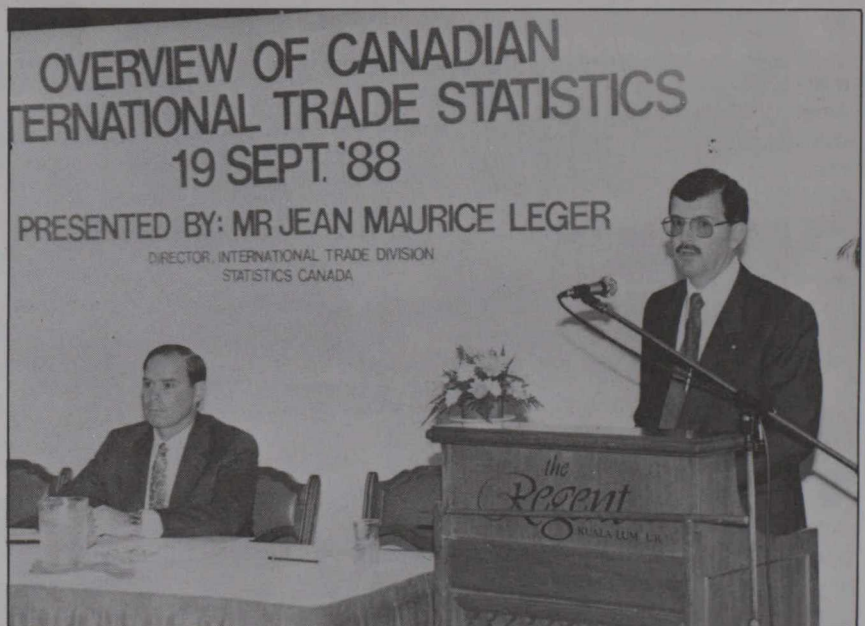
signal to the trading world'."

Dr Ostry was en route to Bangkok. The purpose of her visit, on October 6-7, was to hold discussions with senior ASEAN trade officials on the MTN, as well as the forthcoming mid-term review meeting.

Canadian Trade Statistics Seminar

Statistics — not a subject one thinks would arouse much public interest. But when the topic is Canadian trade statistics, there is no lack of attention. This was readily apparent from the enthusiastic response to seminars given by Mr Jean-Maurice Leger, Director of the International Trade Division of Statistics Canada, in ASEAN capitals in September.

The seminars attracted observers from government agencies, business organizations and trade consultants in all six ASEAN capitals. Held at the request of the ASEAN Secretariat, they were intended to provide members of the financial sectors in both



Jean-Maurice Leger conducting his half-day seminar entitled "Overview of Canadian International Trade Statistics" during his visit to Kuala Lumpur on Sept. 19.

government and business with background on the methodologies applied in the compilation of Canadian international trade statistics.

The major focus of the presentation revolved around Canada's move to calculate

imports on the basis of country of origin rather than country of last shipment. As a consequence of this new approach, Canada's trade, and more importantly, Canada's imports from ASEAN countries, are reflected much more accurately in Canadian



Electrical equipment mission's visit to the Philippines. From left to right: Simon Brooks Bank (Monenco Consultants); Ian D. Scott, (Electrolyzer Corp.); Ernesto Abvitz (National Power Corp.); H.E. Russell Davidson, Ambassador to the Philippines; Jack Scriven (Teshmont Consultants).

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statistics. Sourcing from Malaysia, for example, increased by a per cent based on country of origin versus country of last shipment. As a consequence, the real importance of the Canadian market to ASEAN members will be much more significant with this new accounting method.

Mr Leger indicated that Statistics Canada has set up a world trade database, which can be made available to the public for a fee which varies according to the data required. Information about this database has generated a good deal of interest.

Mr Leger's trip was funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), and is one of a number of projects Canada has recently undertaken in support of ASEAN. In order to provide a regional focal point for its ASEAN-wide program, CIDA will open a new Canada-ASEAN Centre in Singapore early next year.

■ The Canola Council of Canada has made its first sale to the Philippines after a trial conducted to determine the viability of using canola meal in the local feed industry. San Miguel Corporation, together with RFM Corporation, ordered 10,000 metric tons of canola meal. Following this breakthrough, various feed-millers and commercial farms in the Philippines have expressed interest in importing canola meal.

Canola meal is a good substitute for soya meal. It is also a rich source of protein for beef and dairy cattle, poultry and pigs. It is 30 per cent cheaper than soya meal.

■ A Quebec trade mission, led by Yves Cousineau, economic adviser at Quebec's Department of External Trade and Technology, visited Manila August 30 — September 3 for exploratory meetings with Philippine government officials and private companies. The team — made up of J.N. Berube, Vice-President (BOMEM, Inc.); J.P. Bruneau, Vice-President (DTI Telecom); France Bourdon, President (Electro-Mosaik); P. Laberge, President (Dessau, International); G. Rochon, President (DIGIM, Inc.) — discussed prospects for cooperative ventures which will be developed directly or through designated agents.

■ A nine-man electrical equipment mission to ASEAN, headed by Jim Robinson of the Department of Regional Industrial Expansion, stop-

ped in Manila for a four-day visit in September. The team members gained a better understanding of the business climate in the Philippines during group meetings with senior officers of the National Power Corporation (NPC), the Manila Electric Company (MERALCO), and the Asian Development Bank (ADB). They also held separate talks with officials of the National Electrification Administration (NEA) and the Philippine Electric Plant Owners Association (PEPOA). Some participants were introduced to Philippine companies which are potential agents of representatives in the country and were provided an insight on the how-to's of selling and competing in the Philippine market.

The mission's stopover in Thailand, on September 15-19, provided an opportunity to visit the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (EGAT), the largest power utility in ASEAN, and hold discussions with high-ranking officials as the organization's future power development plan and market potential for Canadian products and services. Mission members also attended individual meetings with two other power utilities, as well as with their potential agents. During the course of the visit, Markham Electric was awarded a US\$10 million contract for a 230KV substation project with EGAT. Electrolyzer concluded a pending contract of \$350,000.

Alberta-Asean Trade and Technology Transfer

The Honourable Larry Shaben, Minister of Economic Development and Trade for the Province of Alberta, and two of his senior officials, visited Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia to discuss trade, investment and technology transfer opportunities between Alberta and the host countries.

One of Canada's most economically dynamic provinces, Alberta is a leader in the supply and development of oil and gas equipment and service technology, telecommunications, electronic products and agriculture. Of particular interest to Malaysia and Indonesia is Alberta's expertise in oil and gas technology in conditions of adverse climate and difficult terrain. Several Alberta oil and gas companies have a presence in Southeast Asia.

While in Kuala Lumpur, Minister Shaben visited the GASTECH '88 trade show, at which a number of Canadian firms were represented, and a sale by one Alberta company of more than \$1 million was announced.

As a major agricultural producer, Alberta has developed biotechnological and irrigation advances that significantly increase commercial crop production. In this context, water and waste treatment technologies were discussed, and Minister Shaben's offer to share Alberta's experience in setting up the world's most modern nuclear hazardous waste disposal system was readily accepted by his Malaysian hosts, who are about to embark on a similar national program.



Mr Shaben visits a booth in the Canadian section of the GASTECH '88 trade show.

MINING

CANADA AND INDONESIAN MINING

Canada has a long history of participating in Indonesian mining, the most prominent being the Inco laterite nickel mine at Sosoako in South Sulawesi, which began some 20 years ago. Apart from nickel, Indonesia is a producer of tin, copper, gold and coal, the latter two minerals being of considerable interest to Canada.

Canada's most prominent coal participation has been in the Bukit Asam mine in South Sumatra, where coal is mined in open pit, transported 400km to port, and shipped to the Suralaya power station in East Java. Canadian assistance in that project includes project consulting, advisory services for rail, provision of coal-handling equipment for the port, locomotives, coal hopper-cars, railway rail and engineering services for the power station.

The most recent mineral of inter-

est in Indonesia is gold where more than 100 contracts of work, that is, licences to explore in detail and develop properties, have been let to foreign firms, many of them Australian. Some Canadian firms have indicated interest, particularly for deposits in the Pacific "Ring of Fire" deposits.

All of this mineral activity has, of course, attracted Canadian consulting engineers and equipment suppliers. More than a dozen Canadian consulting firms are active in Indonesia, in one fashion or another. Equipment suppliers are also interested and, as a consequence, the Canadian Embassy in Jakarta organized participation in "Mining Indonesia", from September 27 to October 1. There were eight Canadian firms with booths organized around an official Canadian Government stand. Canadian firms were supported under the

Program for Export Market Development and many of them reported very favourable results due to participation in the trade show. Additionally, there were several other Canadian firms actively working the corridors from their base in the official Canadian booth.

The uplift in international mineral prices has prompted Indonesian expansion by both Inco and Freeport Minerals, which produces copper in Irian Jaya. Indonesia is becoming a new hot spot for prospectors and mine developers. Participation in the Canadian booth was an official recognition of the interest that Canada has in the Indonesian market. Support received from Canadian suppliers of equipment and services indicates they share official interest in these new developments.

IN UNIFORM

RCMP Commissioner Attends Interpol Conference



Commissioner Norman Inkster.

Mr Norman Inkster, Commissioner, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, attended the 57th Interpol General Assembly in Bangkok from November 17-23, 1988. Commissioner Inkster was accompanied by a representative from the Department of the Solicitor General, Deputy Commissioner Jensen, and a five-person delegation.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police has always been an undivided member of Interpol; a recent Chairman was past Commissioner Robert Simmons. This time around, Commissioner Inkster was a candidate for the Executive Committee as Vice-President for the Americas.

Following the conference, Commissioner Inkster visits Thailand as a guest of the Director-General of the Royal Thai Police, General Pow Sarasin. The purpose of his extended visit: to study Thailand's efforts in narcotics enforcement eradication and crop substitution programs, and international cooperation to curtail the outward flow of narcotics from Thailand and the Golden Triangle area.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police offers financial and training assistance to ASEAN countries and has Liaison Officers posted in Bangkok and Singapore.



During his visit to the Toronto RCMP Headquarters, Mr Poh presented a plaque to RCMP Supt Larry Proke. From left: Mr Ripley, Supt Proke and Mr Poh.

Cooperating Against the Drug Trade

Cooperation between the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and the Singapore Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB) continues to grow in efforts toward international suppression of the illicit trade of narcotics.

During the latter part of August, the Director of CNB, Mr Poh Geok Ek, was taken on a tour of Canada by the RCMP Liaison Officer, G.A. Ripley, who is based at the Canadian High Commission in Singapore.

The tour gave Mr Poh the opportunity to meet with senior narcotics investigators in the major cities of Canada and to study the investigative techniques used by the RCMP. Visits were made to the RCMP Headquarters in Ottawa and to the Drug Sections in Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver.

Tours of this type are one of the many facets in the on-going efforts of the RCMP in the curtailment of the trade of illegal narcotics.

CFA OFFICE OPENS IN ASEAN

After an absence of nearly 14 years, a Canadian Forces presence has been re-established in ASEAN. In August 1988, a Canadian Forces Adviser, Colonel John Bremner, and an Administrative Assistant, Sergeant Bill Wickson, arrived in Malaysia from National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa to staff a CFA Office at the High Commission in Kuala Lumpur. They will be responsible for conducting a Defence Relations program covering Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand.

Colonel Bremner, an Infantry officer with previous CFA experience, having served at the Canadian Embassy in Cairo from 1985 to 1987, is on his fifth overseas tour. He spent the past year as a course member at Canada's National Defence College. Sergeant Wickson has an administrative background, with previous overseas service with the United Nations forces in Cyprus and Syria. He served most recently in Brampton, Ontario.

The re-establishment of the CFA Office in Kuala Lumpur reflects both a strengthening of the close ties between the Armed Forces of

Canada and those of ASEAN members, and Canada's growing interests in the region. The CFA will work for expanded defence relations between Canada and the countries of accreditation within a cooperative framework of consultations, exchanges and visits. It is also hoped that the presence of the CFA Office will assist in making the Armed Forces of ASEAN members aware of the excellence of Canadian defence technology and of the broad range of defence products and services available from Canada.

Colonel Bremner has made introductory calls in Malaysia and Thailand, and is preparing for visits to Brunei, Indonesia and the Philippines early in the new year.

Colonel John Bremner.



TELECOMMUNICATIONS



Signing ceremony for the BMA Tower Project. From left: Major General Chamlong Srimuang, Mr Lawrence Smith and Mr Paul Brennan, President of Consortrim International Inc.



Photomontage showing the CN Tower and the Toronto SkyDome (now under construction).

MULTI-PURPOSE TOWER FOR BANGKOK?

A group of Canadian companies are hoping to win the construction rights for a multi-purpose communications tower in Bangkok following the signing of an agreement to study the project's feasibility.

The study agreement was concluded on October 5, 1988. Signing on behalf of the client was Major General Chamlong Srimuang, Governor of the Bang-

kok Metropolitan Administration (BMA), while Canada's Ambassador to Thailand, H.E. Lawrence Smith, signed on behalf of the Canadian Commercial Corporation (CCC).

The study will be undertaken by Consortrim International Inc. of Kingston, Ontario, which has in turn assembled a group of leading Canadian engineers and contractors to support the effort. Included in the group are Foundation Company of Canada, constructors of Toronto's CN Tower, and Norr Partnership Ltd, engineers/architects for the domed stadium now under construction in Toronto. Bennett & Wright Ltd, who supplied the electrical/mechanical systems for the CN Tower, will also participate.

The study phase, which will be undertaken jointly by the Thai and Canadian experts, will address such issues as site selection, concept alternatives, economic and technical feasibility, conceptual design and cost estimates. The financing of the study will be shared by Consortrim and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) pursuant to a Contribution Agreement to be entered into between Consortrim and CIDA's Industrial Cooperation Division.

Toronto's CN Tower, completed in 1974, is still the world's tallest free-standing structure at 553 metres. It serves a variety of telecommunications purposes and is also an important tourist attraction. Through the efforts of the Canadian team, Bangkok may soon have a similar landmark.



Homeward bound. Mr George Brickenden.

GEORGE BRICKENDEN RETIRES

After more than 25 years' involvement in Malaysian broadcasting, Canadian consultant George Brickenden — known to his friends as Brick — has returned to Canada to retire.

Brick was instrumental in the establishment of Radio Television Malaysia (RTM) — Malaysia's first television channel. Under Colombo Plan assistance, he returned to Malaysia to implement the 1962 report which he and Canadian Broadcasting Corporation engineer George Jones compiled on the establishment of a state broadcasting network. RTM went on the air on December 28, 1965.

Brick maintained the philosophy that foreign consultants and advisers should not hold substantive posts in local operations. He characterized his activity as that of a shadow to local directors, which, he says, "is as it should be."

In 1979, Brick joined the Kuala Lumpur-based Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development as a consultant, and initiated a program called "Broadcasting in Development" in partnership with the Ryerson International Development Centre in Toronto. The aim of this five-year project was to set up broadcasting units in Malaysia, Indonesia, India and Papua New Guinea. These local broadcast outlets would deal with "grassroots" issues identified by the communities themselves.

Brick is retiring to Halifax, Nova Scotia, to "re-acquaint" himself with his children and grandchildren. Local observers, however, point out that this is not the first time that Brick has "retired", and they hope that he will bring his charm and skills to Malaysia once again.

STUDENT COUNSEL- LING IN SINGAPORE

With over 65 universities and colleges, the choice facing students who wish to study in Canada can be daunting. To assist students in Singapore who wish to pursue educational opportunities in Canada, the High Commission has expanded its student counselling services. On the first and third Wednesday afternoon of each month, over 50 students, often accompanied by their parents, participate in education seminars held at the High Commission's offices.

The sessions, conducted by a Canadian Social Affairs officer, give an overview of Canada's education system, and provide a forum for students to discuss proposed courses of study, the facilities available at the various institutions, student life in Canada and the costs involved. Resource material such as university calendars are also available for consultation.

Visits by Canadian academics have given the counselling sessions a new dimension. In July, Dr David

\$14M Textbook Paper Grant for the Philippines

Canada recently became the first donor to respond to the needs of the Philippines' new four-year Secondary Education Development Program (SEDP), scheduled to be implemented in 1989.

Under the Commodity Assistance Program of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Canada will provide \$14 million worth of textbook paper which is expected to cover the SEDP's requirements for the first two years.

In presenting the first shipment of the Canadian textbook paper at a ceremony with Secretary Lourdes Quisumbing of the Philippines' Department of Education, Culture and Sports, Canadian Ambassador Russell Davidson expressed Canada's pride "in being associated with this program which should be an important factor in meeting the development goals of the Philippines."

Mr Davidson turns over the first instalment of textbook paper to Secretary Quisumbing.



Social Affairs Officer Thomas de Wolfe leads a student counselling seminar at the Canadian High Commission in Singapore.

Strangway, President of the University of British Columbia, addressed over 90 students. His encouraging words about Canada and the University of British Columbia left the participants with a very positive impression.

Another popular speaker was

James Daly, Director of Private Funding at the University of Manitoba. While dispelling myths about Manitoba's cold winter took some doing, Mr Daly succeeded in convincing those present that the University warmly welcomed and appreciated foreign students.

The Canadian Alumni Association is also contributing to this successful initiative. Singaporean graduates from Canadian universities have volunteered to give a first-hand account of their experiences in Canada, and to answer questions from the audience.

More than 1,600 Singaporean students are taking advantage of Canada's comparatively low education costs to further their studies in Canada. On their return, they have been very successful in their careers in public service and the private sector. The friendships they made and the business links they established have contributed immeasurably to the warm relations between the two countries. The Government of Canada continues its vigorous support of the foreign student program.

Coordinating International Education

With the increasing demand from Malaysian students for post-secondary education in Canada, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) funded a study tour of Canadian institutions of higher learning by senior members of the Malaysian Ministry of Education. The visit took place in October.

The purpose of the tour was to familiarize members of the Malaysian delegation with the education systems in the Canadian provinces, and to discuss various issues pertaining to qualification and entrance requirements with a view to securing recognition by the Govern-

ment of Malaysia of Canadian university degrees in a number of fields not previously covered.

The 12-member delegation was headed by Mr Nik Musa bin Nik Abdulla, Deputy Secretary-General of the Ministry of Education, and Datuk Haji Omar bin Mohamad Hashim, Deputy Director-General of the Ministry. The delegation's visit of 25 major universities and colleges in Canada was coordinated by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada.

Mr Nik Musa (centre) and Datuk Omar (second from right) during their visit to the University of Alberta.



SEMINARS, EXHIBITIONS, CONVENTIONS

Eminent Canadian Physician Gives Talks in Malaysia

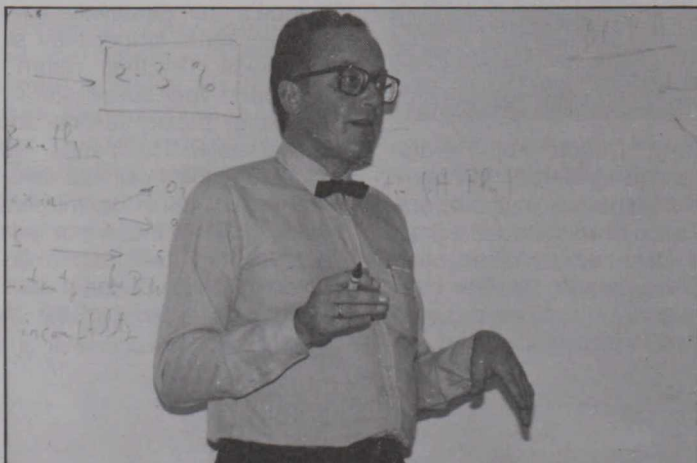
As part of a working visit to Malaysia in October, Dr Philippe Bernard, Otolaryngologist-in-Chief at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, Ottawa, delivered a series of talks with medical experts in Kuala Lumpur.

Dr Bernard is a specialist in conditions of the ears, throat and larynx, with particular attention to children. He works extensively on projects dealing with early detection and treatment of deafness in children, and has collaborated in the production of kits and programs on the subject with the Canadian Department of Health and Welfare.

The talks were given at the University Hospital of the University of Malaya. Dr Bernard also conferred with colleagues at the Science University of Malaysia in Penang.

On a number of occasions over the years, the Canadian High Commission has facilitated the exchange of information between Canadian and Malaysian medical practitioners. The most recent exchange took place in late 1987 and early 1988, when Canadian ophthalmologists Professor Donald Morin, Professor Martin Kazdan and Professor Lionel Chisholm participated in a program at the Tun Hussein Onn Eye Hospital in Kuala Lumpur.

Dr Philippe Bernard.



Weaving Cultural Links in Sarawak

Amongst the many and varied events surrounding the celebration of Sarawak's 25th anniversary in joining Malaysia was an exhibition, seminar and workshop on indigenous weaving entitled "Weaving Cultural Links."

The Canadian High Commission, through its Canada Fund, became interested in this project for a number of reasons. Weaving has been an integral part of the life of Iban women for centuries, and has the potential to be expanded as an income generating skill. The development of weaving as a cottage industry could play a significant role in increasing the self-reliance of the Ibans, and in turn raise the living standards of their families. Just as important, the workshop was viewed as a first step in promoting indigenous technology and adapting modern methods while at the same time preserving the rich weaving traditions which are such an important part of Sarawak's cultural heritage.

This two-week event was a first-time effort designed to promote traditional methods of weaving in Sarawak, particularly *Ikat* weaving.

or *pua kumba*, which is handed down from generation to generation of Iban women weavers in long-house communities.

These textiles are more than attractively patterned cloth. The intricate designs convey both a sense of meaning and of power of the spirits they represent. Although the symbolic and metaphorical designs are not abstract, neither are they static. The designs change constantly as embellishments and improvements are made from weaver to weaver and generation to generation.

Highly skilled rural weavers were invited to attend the workshop, but they were not the sole participants. Also invited to the exhibition and workshop were weavers from Canada, the Philippines, the United Kingdom, Australia and India, whose presence provided an atmosphere in which the traditional and modern weavers could interact, compare ideas and methods, and explore marketing strategies to sustain and popularize the tie-dyed Ikat weaving.

In addition to providing support for the participation of 46 weavers from the interior of Sarawak, the High Commission facilitated the participation of a Canadian weaver, Ms Gail Fromson-Assen. Through the Broadcasting In Development project with the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development, the High Commission arranged for a documentary film to be made which will be translated into English, Bahasa Malaysia and Iban.

The Sarawak Minister of Culture, Dr George Chan, announced at the closing dinner that the Exhibition may travel to Australia in 1989 and Canada in 1990.



An Ikat weaver practises her highly-skilled craft at the Weaving Cultural Links workshop in Kuching, Sarawak.

MISS ASIA-PACIFIC PAGEANT IN PHILIPPINES

Ciara Leigh, 23, of Vancouver, British Columbia, was in Manila in early October to represent Canada in the Miss Asia Pacific Quest Pageant. She is seen here flashing a winning smile with Andrew McAlister, Counsellor and Consul at the Canadian Embassy in the Philippines, and Bente McAlister



CELEBRATING NCWO'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

1988 marks the 25th anniversary of the founding of the National Council of Women's Organizations (NCWO) of Malaysia, the umbrella group for 43 organizations which acts as Malaysia's principal women's NGO. The Canadian High Commission has been associated with the group since 1985, through a number of Canada Fund projects and CIDA's sponsorship of the NCWO's participation at the 1985 conference in Nairobi which marked the end of the United Nations International Women's Decade. In 1987, the Canadian High Commission established the NCWO — Women In Development Fund to identify and implement development projects focussed on women.

To publicize the NCWO anniversary, an exhibition is being held in Kuala Lumpur which documents the development of the role of wo-

men in Malaysia, both as individuals and in groups. From this exhibition, a book, a video show and a series of information kits will be developed to serve as historical documentation, as well as resource material.

The exhibition at the National Archives of Malaysia was officially opened by Her Majesty the Raja Perempuan of Perlis. The four-and-a-half month display is expected to attract a quarter of a million visitors. Among the more than 600 exhibits are documents, press clippings, posters and artifacts highlighting the role and achievements of the women of Malaysia.

Resources under the Canada Fund were used to facilitate the production of display materials, compilation of information and the reproduction of historical records.

CANADIAN SAX QUARTET IN MANILA

Montreal's Gerald Danovitch Saxophone Quartet captivated an audience of several hundred during a recent outdoor concert in Manila. The quartet — which is composed of Gerald Danovitch, soprano sax; Peter Freeman, alto sax; Abe Kestenberg, tenor sax; Nancy Freeman, baritone sax — held sway on a beautiful evening with renditions of works by Albeniz, Rossini, D'Rivera, Dubois, Joplin and Perrault. What brought down the house, however, was the quartet's version of the famous Filipino song, *Dahil Sa Iyo*.

The quartet's visit was sponsored by the Canadian Government, Northern Telecom and the Intramuros Administration.



1. The Gerald Danovitch Quartet playing on an unusual stage in Manila.
2. Their captive audience.

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