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Thailand-Canada Links Expanding

The Honourable John Crosbie, Canada's Minister for Transport, made an official visit to Thailand in early February.

Mr. Crosbie's visit contributed to co-operation between Thailand and Canada in the fields of transportation and communications. The Minister's visit follows numerous other high level exchanges between the two countries in recent years.

Exports up 40%

The visit comes at a time of rapidly expanding commercial links between Thailand and Canada. In 1987, Canadian

exports to Thailand increased by 40 per cent and Thai exports to Canada increased by 27 per cent. The value of two-way trade in 1987 was approximately C\$370 million.

During his visit to Thailand, Mr. Crosbie met Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda, and the Ministers of Communications and Interior. He discussed projects relating particularly to mass transit, railways and telecommunications.

Mr. Crosbie was accompanied by representatives from major Canadian companies during his meetings including Lavalin International Inc., Consortrim International Inc., Alta Telecom International Ltd., Canadian Pacific Consulting Services Ltd., and CAE Electronics

Ltd.

He also addressed the Thai Foreign Ministry's Centre for International Studies speaking on the recently completed trade agreement between Canada and the United States.

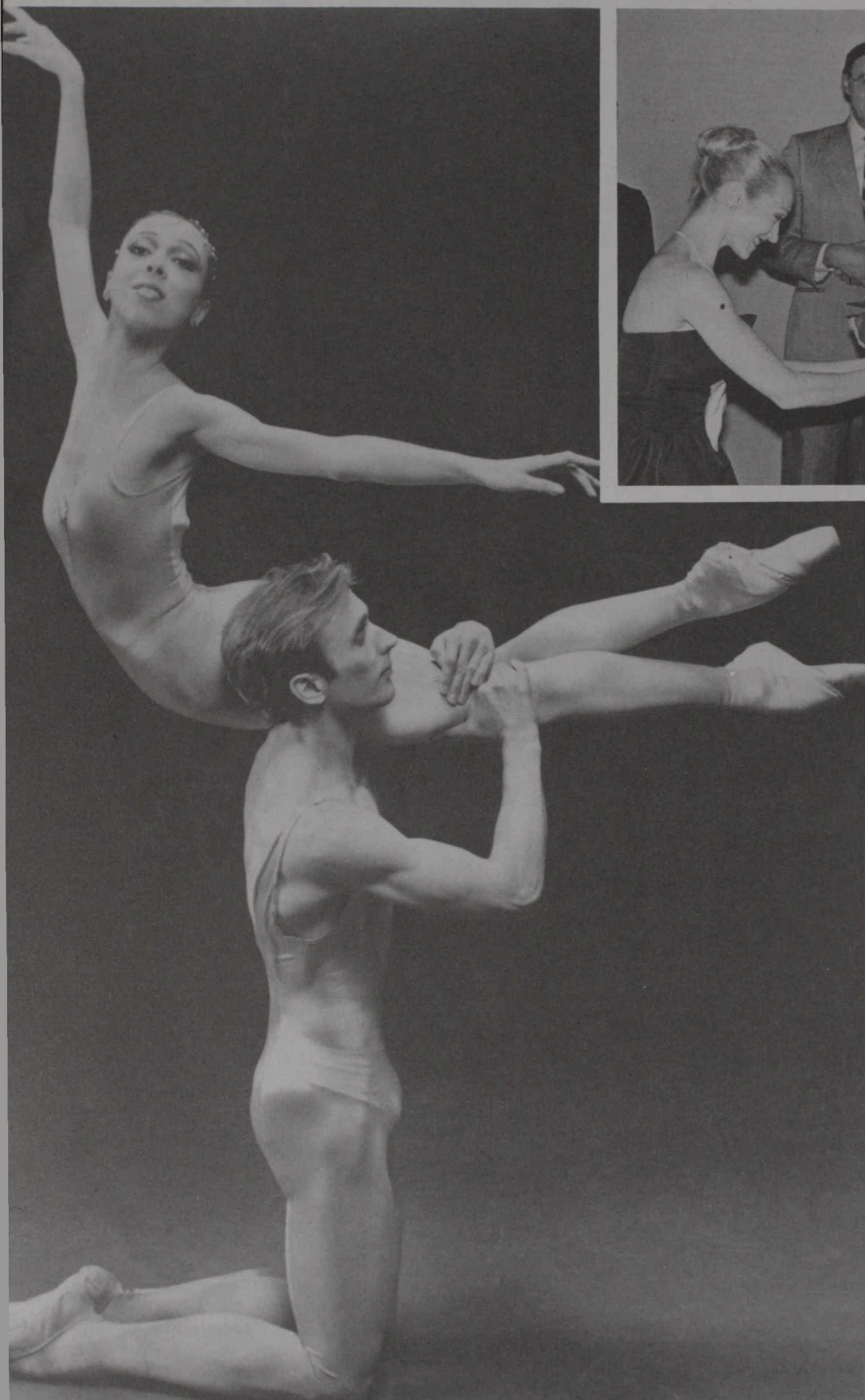
The Minister's visit coincided with the Canadian Advanced Technology Mission that brought to Thailand representatives of 13 leading Canadian firms in the fields of remote sensing, data networks, telecommunications and industrial process control. (See story page 3).

Minister Crosbie also visited the Fisheries Media Development Centre at Khon Kaen, a project supported by the Canadian International Development Agency.



The Honourable John Crosbie (right) meeting with Thai Foreign Minister Siddhi Savetsila.

Royal Winnipeg Ballet Tours Asia



Canada's most prestigious ballet company, the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, visited the region recently as part of its Asia-Pacific tour.

Founded in 1939, the Royal Winnipeg is Canada's oldest existing ballet company. It was granted its "Royal" charter in 1953 by Queen Elizabeth II.

The Royal Winnipeg, a renowned company, has performed in more than 450 cities in 30 countries around the world. The current Asia-Pacific tour included performances in Japan, China, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand.

The repertoire of the Company embraces a wide array of dance styles and an intriguing collection of ensemble ballets. The Asian performances comprised a varied program that appealed to all, including: *Allergo Brilliante*, *Giselle Pas de Deux*, *Belong Pas de Deux*, *Four Last Songs* and *Rodeo*.

Royal Winnipeg Ballet (RWB) Principal Dancer Srea Eklof presents a gift to HRH Princess Galyani Vadhana following the Gala Opening Performance at the Thailand Cultural Centre. Also shown are RWB Artistic Director Arnold Spohr (left) and Canadian Minister for Transport John Crosbie.

THAILAND

Advanced Technology Forum

A Canadian Advanced Technology mission visited Thailand in February.

Canada is generally known as a world leader in the development and application of advanced technology. Thirteen companies participated in the visit, representing a wide spectrum of the Canadian advanced technology industry from data communication and remote sensing, to telecommunications and industrial process control.

The highlight of the mission was a forum consisting of a series of seminars focussing on three different industry segments: telecommunications and computing products; remote sensing; and instrumentation/process controls. Presentations were made to an audience of officials from various state enterprises, government departments, universities and private companies.

The topics included the application of advanced technology in areas as diverse as management of forestry resources, machine readable passport and visa issuance, data networks for financial institutions and air traffic control.

Following the forum, the visiting business executives called on representatives of local government and private enterprise marketing their products and services and exploring possible agency relationships and joint venture opportunities.

Capitals of the World Meeting

Bangkok's Deputy Governor, Lt. Hansa Kaewbandit, represented the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) at the "Capitals of the World" Conference hosted by Ottawa's Mayor James Durrell.

Attending on behalf of Bangkok's Governor Chamlong Srimuang, Lt. Hansa and BMA International Liaison Director Ms. Parichat Sanghiran, joined in discussions on a range of subjects swapping notes with fellow mayors on shared problems and solutions.

Lt. Hansa presented a special audio-

visual account of the transport and traffic problems facing Bangkok and some of the unique solutions available including use of river and canal transport.

In addition to the Conference meetings, Lt. Hansa met with Canadian International Development Agency officials dealing with Canada's development assistance program for Thailand, and joined in a range of meetings and social activities arranged by the Thai Embassy in Ottawa.

At the end of their Ottawa program, Lt. Hansa and Ms. Parichat also visited Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver.



Canada participated in the Bangkok International Trade Fair organized by the Department of Export Promotion to mark His Majesty the King's 60th Birthday. Rory McAlpine, Second Secretary (Commercial) of the Canadian Embassy presented a basket of British Columbia apples to HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn.

Canada's New Ambassador to Thailand

Lawrence A. H. Smith, a senior career diplomat presented his Letter of Credence to His Majesty Bhumibol Adulyadej, King of Thailand, in a January ceremony at Chitrlada Palace, the residence of the Thai monarch.

Mr. Smith, previously Canadian Ambassador to The Netherlands, has served with the Department of External Affairs since 1957, both in Ottawa and

abroad. He served as High Commissioner to Barbados from 1973 to 1977 and as Ambassador for North-South Relations from 1982 to 1983, prior to his appointment as Ambassador to the Netherlands in 1983.

Mr. Smith is also accredited to Vietnam and Laos.

Ambassador Smith and his wife Virginia have five children.



Ambassador Smith

Thai Cars for Canada

A milestone in the Thai automobile industry was reached in January with the dispatching of the first shipment of fully Thai-assembled cars to Canada.

MMC Sittipol Co. Ltd. (MSC) — a joint venture with Mitsubishi Japan — shipped 420 Lancer Champ II cars as a result of an agreement signed with Chrysler Canada Ltd. (CCL), in April last year.

100,000 cars

Under the contract, 1,000 cars will be sent to Canada every two weeks for the duration of the six year agreement: A total of 100,000 automobiles.

"This agreement is the first of its kind for Thailand," said Vachara Pranchet, General Manager of MSC's International Business and Advertising and Public Relations Divisions. "With no regulation or law to guide us, we have all had to sit down together and work out details from scratch."

A spare parts agreement was also signed under which MSC will ship more than 500 types of parts to Canada on a regular basis.

Mr. Pranchet added that the deal has gone smoothly thanks in part to the fact that in Canada, CCL is linked with Mitsubishi, "resulting in a very close relationship between the three organizations".

Modified for cold climate

The Canadian export — to be sold by Chrysler under the names Dodge-Colt, Plymouth-Colt and Eagle-Colt — although similar to the Lancer Champ II on the Thai market, has been modified to meet cold country specifications. The car must be able to withstand snow and salt, be protected against rust and the engine must start well in sub-zero temperatures.

With guidance from Mitsubishi's production expertise and CCL's vast sales and marketing network, MSC aims to demonstrate to Canada that the Thai industry has reached world levels enabling the country to produce a car meeting international standards.

CCL expects the Lancer Champ to be highly competitive in the Canadian market and talks are already under way to extend the contract to 10 years.



All Aboard! — The first of 420, fully Thai-assembled cars being driven onto a ship bound for Canada.

Bangkok now a Canadian City



Clifton Shaw, (left) Canadian Embassy Charge, David Solloway (centre) CAI General Manager-Thailand, and Sid Fattedad, CAI Vice President for Asia.

October 29 marked the entry of Bangkok into the list of CANADIAN Airlines International's (CAI) flight services. The flight was packed with enthusiastic travellers experiencing the first direct service between Toronto and Bangkok with stops in Vancouver and Hong Kong en route.

3 million tourists

Initial passenger loads have proved higher than expected as Canadians and others joined in the celebrations surrounding the 60th birthday of Thailand's King and "Visit Thailand Year". Both events have boosted tourist arrivals over the 3 million mark for 1987. Annual Canadian arrivals are heading towards 40,000.

CAI flights arrive in Bangkok every Thursday, Friday and Sunday evenings and depart Friday, Saturday and Monday mornings. Thai Airways International plans to begin air service to Canada this year.

Eastern Islands Universities Project

The Canadian and Indonesian Governments have undertaken an important project to strengthen the universities in the eastern islands of Indonesia.

Initially planned for five years, each government will contribute C\$20 million and will help strengthen the university system of the eastern islands of Indonesia through a combination of human resources development and institutional development activities.

Long-term links

The eastern islands are a primary development area for the Indonesian Government. This project aims to assist in human resources development, a top priority for higher education in the region, and to establish long-term institutional links between Canadian and Indonesian universities.

Planning and implementation of the project is being undertaken by the Indonesian Government, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), and Simon Fraser University of British Columbia.

Simon Fraser's interest and involvement stems from a keen awareness of the importance of the Pacific Rim, a desire to expand the University's knowledge of the area and to become more involved with development projects in the region.

The project emphasizes development of expertise in the Basic Sciences at three "target" universities: Universitas Sam Ratulangi, Universitas Pattimura in the Mollucas and Universitas Cenderawasih in Irian Jaya.

Five other eastern islands universities are "participating" institutions: Halu Oleo and Tadulako in Sulawesi; Udayana in Bali; and Mataram and Nusa Cendana in Nusa Tenggara Timur.

Personnel from these schools will have access to training activities such as fellowships and short courses. All the universities involved are centres of excellence for their respective provinces and are trying to develop an advisory capacity in order to serve the whole region.

Canada will provide 68 fellowships for graduate studies in Canada in Applied and Basic Sciences and other disciplines serving the area's development needs. Specially designed short courses, practical attachments and other short-term training

opportunities, again concentrating on the Basic Sciences, will be offered, as well as technical assistance to the Directorate General of Higher Education and the three target universities.

The project also provides for equipment and other teaching research materials needed to upgrade facilities already at the universities.

This project's integrated approach is unique. It endeavours to link institutional development with the long-term process of human resources development in the region. The project is designed to ensure that the upgrading of faculty skills and research are carefully co-ordinated with the needs of each institution as it develops.

Multi-donor effort

The project is part of a multi-donor effort to develop the universities of Eastern Indonesia which also involves the governments of Australia and the Netherlands as well as the World Bank and Asian Development Bank.

New Business from Indonesia

New business has been secured for Canadian exporters announced the Honourable Pat Carney, Minister for International Trade, at the conclusion of her January visit to Jakarta.

Hawker Siddeley of Trenton, Nova Scotia, has received an order for coal transport hopper cars worth C\$17 million. It is also expected that General Motors Diesel Division of London, Ontario, will shortly obtain an order for locomotives valued at \$28 million.

The hopper cars and locomotives will be used on the South Sumatra railway as part of a plan by the Indonesian Government to develop its domestic-use coal reserves.

Minister Carney indicated that further orders are also close to completion for steel rail valued at \$7 million from Sydney Steel, Sydney, Nova Scotia, and for a \$9 million extension to the Merak Serpong Communications Network linking Sumatra and Java.

Indonesia is Canada's largest market in Southeast Asia. To further strengthen Canada's competitive position, Miss Carney met with several Indonesian ministers, including Ali Wardhana, Indonesia's Co-ordinating Economic Minister.

She advised them that Canada will provide a major new concessional line of credit to Canadian firms to match the terms offered by their competitors in the market.



Minister Carney attending the Fourth Asia-Pacific Trade Conference in Bali.

Miss Carney said, "This new credit underlines the Canadian Government's commitment to expanding the Canadian private sector's participation in Indonesia's economic development." The Minister noted that this new concessional credit was additional to the more than \$125 million in financing offered by Canada in recent months.

Minister Carney's host during her official visit to Indonesia was Indonesia's Trade Minister Rachmat Saleh. Together they discussed the new Canada - U.S.A. Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and progress at the Uruguay Round of the Multilateral Trade Negotiations (MNT) - a continuing negotiation which will lead to improvements in the world trading environment.

Miss Carney emphasized that the FTA is part of a broader two-track trade strategy which seeks to liberalize trade through both bilateral negotiations and the MTN.

The Minister said that Canada recently provided training to Indonesian officials assisting them to participate fully in the complex MTN discussions and offered to provide further assistance should Indonesia wish it.

Technology Transfer for Oil Industry

Indonesia will have another facility for manufacturing oil and gas wellheads and related pressure control equipment, thanks to a new joint venture between Canadian based Stream-Flo Industries Ltd., and the Indonesian industrial concern, P. T. Bantalan Teguh Lestari (BTL).

The BTL/Stream-Flo joint venture will be geared for "Total Technology Transfer", eventually involving the entire manufacturing process, from engineering and design through to sales and installation.

J. Duncan McNeil, Stream-Flo's Chairman, President and Founder, described the "Total Technology Transfer" of the BTL/Stream-Flo joint venture as being different from the way other North American companies expand into foreign markets.

Stream-Flo will supply the design, engineering and quality assurance programs including personnel from Canada to supervise the plant's start-up. The transfer of technology will continue until Indonesians occupy all management and manufacturing positions, and are fully capable of designing and manufacturing wellhead and pressure control products to full API (American Petroleum Institute) specifications.

When other oilfield manufacturing companies expand abroad, they often prefer partial assembly to full manufacturing capability.

To show how significant this technology transfer will be in future years, Stream-Flo, in Canada, has recently been awarded API Specification 6A Level 4, the highest level of material traceability

and quality control. Mr. McNeil is confident that in time, Indonesia, with Stream-Flo's help, will be manufacturing world-class wellhead and pressure control equipment.

Other products wanted

The BTL/Stream-Flo joint venture will probably expand beyond wellheads in the not too distant future. Using Stream-Flo's "Canadian Connection", the joint venture is on the lookout for other products essential to Indonesia's oil and gas industry that can be produced domestically. The BTL/Stream-Flo joint venture could be a major stepping stone in the development of Indonesia's energy future.

SINGAPORE

Canadian places high in Triathlon

Battling brilliant sunshine, 32 degree heat, 90 per cent humidity and 220 other triathletes, a Canadian surged across the finish line to capture fourth place in the 1987 ABC Stout Singapore Triathlon.

Before the gruelling 2 km swim, 70 km cycle and 17 km run, Andrew Inkpen — who has been running, cycling and swimming seriously for only a year — was hoping to place in the top 20. He was confident of his running and cycling abilities, but the 29-year-old National University of Singapore lecturer had only learned to swim freestyle a month before.

To Mr. Inkpen's utter amazement, he emerged from the water sixth putting him well ahead of the pack, a lead he was able to maintain throughout the four hour event despite the heat which took its toll on several competitors forcing them to withdraw from heat stroke.



Triathlete Andrew Inkpen heading off on the 70 km cycle.

Air Canada Firmly Entrenched in Asia

New General Manager

In February, Singapore became Air Canada's Asia-Pacific area office under the direction of a new General Manager, Rick St. Maurice.

In his new position, Mr. St. Maurice will be responsible for sales and operations for the entire area, covering South-east Asia, India and the South Pacific as well as Hong Kong, Macau, the Philippines, Taiwan, People's Republic of China, Japan and Korea. The latter group of countries currently reports directly to Montreal, Canada. Mr. St. Maurice will also spearhead Air Canada's regional expansion plans.



Rick St. Maurice, Air Canada General Manager, Asia & South Pacific.

"Air Canada recognises the important growth potential of the Asia-Pacific region, and we want to strengthen our presence. Singapore is the ideal base for our expansion plans," said Gaston Gauvreau, Air Canada's Senior Vice President Passenger International.

AIR CANADA



A 22-metre dragon welcomed Air Canada's first 747 Combi-AC 888 — into Singapore.

A 747 added to Singapore route

A B-747 Combi aircraft was added to the Air Canada fleet in February increasing both passenger and cargo capacity on the airline's Toronto-London-Bombay-Singapore route.

"The addition of a third Combi not only adds passenger capacity and some 40,000 kgs of cargo capacity, but also provides more flexibility in planning and

operating our growing international schedule," said Air Canada President and Chief Executive Officer Pierre J. Jeannot.

Air Canada will be offering B-747 Combi service on the Toronto-London-Bombay-Singapore route with four flights a week.

Air Agreement formalized

A recently signed Memorandum of Understanding has formalized the revised Air Transport Agreement between the Government of Singapore and the Government of Canada.

Under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding — signed by the Director-General of the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore, Lim Hock San, and the Canadian High Commissioner to Singapore, Sean Brady — Air Canada will be able to continue to operate to Singapore via the Atlantic as well as commence services to Singapore across the Pacific. Singapore Airlines will be able to mount services to Canada via the Atlantic and the Pacific.

Air links can boost trade

In addition, the agreement permits the two carriers to increase air freight services between the two countries.

Both Mr. Lim and Mr. Brady agreed that the establishment of viable comprehensive air links between Canada and Singapore will boost trade, investment and tourism between the two countries.

Alberta Companies Sell C\$30 Million

Sales of over C\$30 million in Canadian high technology equipment and services for the oil and gas industry are being actively negotiated by Alberta companies following the Offshore Southeast Asia Exhibition held recently in Singapore.

Fourteen Alberta companies participated in the show. The resulting leads are now being developed, mainly in ASEAN, China and Papua New Guinea.

Some of the companies did particularly well including:

Techmaster Well Services — a specialist in cementing, fracturing, acidizing and fluids for drilling — expects multi-million dollar contracts with Indonesia's Pertamina and Malaysia's Petronas. As a result of the new business, the company plans to set up its regional headquarters in Kuala Lumpur.

Willowglen Systems signed a contract with China for design and supplies control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems. The deal, worth \$4 million, will involve Willowglen's advanced production, processing and metering facilities and services.

The project at Liaohe, China, is the first of its kind in the country. The company is also setting up a service centre in Singapore for its Southeast Asian clients.



The new Singapore subsidiary, Willowglen Services Pte. Ltd., will be the maintenance base for SCADA systems and products in Asia. The facility will be the first by any SCADA system supplier in Singapore and will provide full technical service support for all hardware and software aspects of Willowglen SCADA systems. The office and laboratory is located in the Cisco Centre, 20 Jalan Afifi #04-04/05, Singapore 1440.

Stream-Flo Industries will undertake a joint venture with an Indonesian company to manufacture oil and gas wellheads and related pressure control equipment. (See article page 6.)

Stream-Flo's undertaking with its Indonesian partner, P. T. Bantalan Teguh Lestari (BTL), will involve "Total Technology Transfer" from engineering and design, to sales and installation.

Finally, a highly specialized consulting firm landed its first major project in Papua New Guinea. **Borcom Associates** will assist and advise on technical aspects related to oil and gas exploration and development.

Committed to region

Alberta's commitment to the development of Southeast Asia was driven home when the leader of the Alberta group, Jack Kennedy, The Agent General Asia/Pacific, said, "Alberta has made a firm commitment to the development of Southeast Asia. Businessmen and industry professionals from the province have established roots in ASEAN and the Pacific Rim countries and we are actively collaborating with several governments and multinationals in projects."

"Alberta with its decades of experience in the oil and gas industry and its new technologies, is well placed to contribute to the development of countries in the region," he added.

MALAYSIA

Chief of Staff Visits Malaysia



Canadian Armed Forces Chief of Staff, General Manson, reviewing a Royal Malaysian Armed Forces Tri-Service Honour Guard.

During his visit, the General also paid a courtesy call on Malaysian Defense Minister Tengku Ahmad Rithauddeen.

Police Taught Bomb Disposal, Drug Detection

Co-operation between the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and the Royal Malaysian Police (RMP) has expanded significantly since the 1987 visit to Malaysia by Commissioner Simmonds, then head of the RCMP.

Soon after the Commissioner's visit, RCMP specialists spent two weeks in Kuala Lumpur assisting the RMP in developing effective programs to deal with crimes of rape and sexual violence against women and children.

So far this year, six RCMP specialists have been in Malaysia conducting training courses on bomb disposal and advanced drug investigative techniques.

The bomb disposal course — co-ordinated by the RCMP Liaison Officer, G.A. Ripley, who is based at the Canadian High Commission in Singapore — was held at the headquarters of the RMP's north brigade in Ipoh.

The training on bomb disposal offered by the RCMP will be especially valuable for the police field forces operating in the jungle against communist terrorists as well as for preventive security planning for major international meetings such as

the 1989 Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting to be held in Kuala Lumpur.

The bomb disposal course also provided the RMP with an opportunity to examine numerous high quality security products manufactured by Canadian companies. These range from surveillance equipment and various types of chemical and other detectors, to personal protective equipment and physical security materials. In addition, Canada's expertise in the field of security services was brought to the attention of the Malaysian authorities.

Combat drug trafficking

The RCMP course on advanced drug investigative techniques was held in Kuala Lumpur and officially opened by Malaysia's Inspector General of Police, Tan Sri Haniff Omar.

The course responded to Malaysia's efforts to combat drug trafficking and abuse, regarded as a high priority of the

Malaysian Government. Commenting on the course, High Commissioner von Nostitz emphasized that the grower-to-user narcotics chain which stretches across five continents must be broken through a comprehensive international effort and that pressure must be applied at all points in the chain — from crop control to increased seizures of drug products and financial assets; from vigilant investigation and prosecution of traffickers to effective treatment and prevention of drug abuse.

During the course, the RCMP instructors demonstrated advanced techniques to expand the operational skills of Malaysian police officers and to strengthen their self-sufficiency in narcotics interdiction. Of particular interest to the RMP was the training in financial investigation into the business end of the narcotics trade in view of proposed amendments to Malaysian legislation giving the police greater scope in this area.

Further co-operation between the RCMP and the RMP is taking place in March and April when three RMP officers are sent for training in Canada.

One RMP officer is attending the Executive Development course at RCMP headquarters in Ottawa, while the others are receiving specialized narcotics training in Vancouver.



The attractive dome on the new Shah Alam Mosque was built using Canadian Triodetic technology.

Canadian know-how builds dome

The stunning dome of the new Shah Alam Mosque in Malaysia is a prime example of Triodetic technology which was developed in Canada, and constructed in Malaysia by BACO, a British subsidiary of the Aluminium Company of Canada.

Triodetic structures are used principally in the construction of attractive, maintenance-free and economical roofs in a wide variety of structural forms. Alumi-

nium tubular members and triodetic connectors form neat and efficient joints especially suitable for three dimensional space structures.

The technology first came to public prominence during the 1967 World Exposition in Montreal. It has since enjoyed wide application throughout the world ranging from the McMillan Conservatory in British Columbia to the El Nilein Mosque in Khartoum.

Triodetic structures have several advantages over traditional design forms. Their versatility means they can be designed in a variety of forms. For example, in double layer spaceframes they are used as two-way or three-way grids. Alternatively, folded plate grids and individual triangular beams can be constructed. They also require very little maintenance. The structural aluminium alloys used in the triodetic system have excellent corrosion resistance.

As the peerless design of the Shah Alam Mosque demonstrates, the excellent natural surface appearance of the aluminium alloys help create architectural wonders. The standard mill finish of Triodetic components gives a pleasing appearance with no further treatment.

Some very practical advantages are the relatively low weight of Triodetic structures and the use of individual components making for ease and economy in transport and site handling.

The Malaysian architect of the mosque, Datuk Baharuddin Abu Kassim, said "We have certainly blended religious tradition with modern technology to provide two world firsts that will symbolize unity among Muslims on this area."

The two firsts being the mosque contains the world's largest dome for a religious building, and the world's tallest minarets.

Exchange Programs for Economists

A Plan of Operations for Canadian co-operation with the Malaysian Institute of Economic Research (MIER) was signed by Yang Berbahagia Dato Yahya bin Abdul Wahab, Director-General of the Malaysian Economic Planning Unit, Datuk Dr. Kamal Salih, Executive Director of MIER and Manfred G. von Nostitz, High Commissioner for Canada in Malaysia.

Over a three-year period, Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) will provide a grant of C\$900,000 to finance a series of exchange programs between MIER personnel and Canadian macro-economic policy researchers, and practical attachments of MIER personnel to relevant Canadian institutions.

This co-operative project will focus on five areas: agricultural sector studies; industry studies; macro-economic policy and planning; labour and manpower studies and international trade and economic relations.

The Canadian side will:

- (a) provide technical support to assist MIER in the development and co-ordination of research programs;
- (b) provide support for the establishment of a library and documentation centre as well as data base development. A medium-sized computer will be purchased to meet MIER's computing needs;
- (c) provide assistance towards the dissemination of MIER research results through seminars and publications. A new publication, "The MIER

Economic Review", was launched in January, 1988; and

- (d) establish links between MIER and Canadian research institutes involved with similar research work.

The institutional linkages involved in this project are particularly innovative and noteworthy. The lead Canadian institution is Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, with the John Deutsch Institute for the Study of Economic Policy acting as executing agency.

The Conference Board of Canada will also be a key collaborator. This is the first time that the Conference Board has been involved in a development co-operation project outside of Canada.

In addition, other appropriate Canadian partners from both the private and public sector will be brought into the program as the individual project components are further elaborated.

The first component of Canada/MIER collaboration took place in Kuala Lumpur when MIER hosted a National Conference on Tax Reform in December. Two Canadians, Dr. Robin Boadway, a leading tax research expert in Canada, and Dr. Frank Flatters, the Queen's University co-ordinator for the MIER project, attended the conference and presented a paper on the tax reform experience in industrialized countries.

The next project activity will take place in Canada in early 1988. This involves an exchange on economic modelling and forecasting for the private sector in collaboration with the Conference Board of Canada.

The priorities for further collaboration are capital and labour market studies followed by studies on fiscal federalism, resource management policies, industrial and trade policies and industry studies.

Funding for Women

An agreement to establish a Women in Development (WID) Fund has been signed between Canada and the Malaysian National Council of Women's Organizations (NCWO).

Under this initiative, Canada will provide up to C\$100,000 for financing small grassroots projects developed by and for the benefit of women. The fund will be administered by the NCWO over an initial 12 month period.

An additional \$20,000 will make available to the NCWO the services of Mrs. Beverly Rix, a Consultant from the World University Services of Canada.

These monies come from the High Commissioner's "Canada Fund for Local Initiatives" financed by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).



High Commissioner von Nostitz and NCWO President, Tan Sri Fatimah binti Haji Hashim, signing the "Women in Development Fund" agreement in Kuala Lumpur.

The NCWO with its unique position as the advisory and consultative umbrella body for women's non-governmental organizations is well suited to undertake this co-ordinating role. The NCWO and affiliates reflect Malaysia's unique multi-cultural heritage, ensuring that these community initiatives will complement the development activities of the Government of Malaysia.

These additional responsibilities will provide an opportunity for the NCWO to strengthen further its institutional structure since the NCWO will establish a formal project review committee to identify, approve and monitor projects submitted by their affiliates and other women's organizations in Malaysia.

This arrangement with the NCWO for the establishment and administration of the WID Fund is also in line with CIDA's priorities in the area of Women in Development and decentralization of its development assistance program.

Equal opportunities

Providing equal opportunities for women has been an important policy thrust of the Canadian Government for many years. In international development, Canada has pioneered the integration of women into development programs at both the policy and operational level.

Eye Surgeons Give Lessons

Four Canadian Ophthalmologists will visit Kuala Lumpur over the next 12 months for lectures and teaching sessions, including live surgery.

These visits are being made possible thanks to a grant from the Canadian High Commission to the Tun Hussein Onn Eye Hospital in Kuala Lumpur and the collaboration of the University of Toronto and Orbis.

The first of these visiting consultants, Prof. Donald J. Morin, who specializes in Paediatric Ophthalmology and Glaucoma, visited Kuala Lumpur last November.

To derive the maximum benefit from Dr. Morin's teaching visit, a comprehensive program of lectures, symposiums, demonstrations and surgery was drawn up in consultation with the Eye Departments of the University of Malaya and University Kebangsaan, and the General Hospital in Kuala Lumpur.

Prof. Morin spent one day at each institution and two days at the Eye Hospital for case presentations, discussions and surgery.



Canadian Eye Specialist, Dr. Morin, performing eye surgery at Kuala Lumpur's Tun Hussein Onn Eye Hospital.

The lecture programs were jointly sponsored by the Ophthalmological Society of the Malaysian Medical Association and the Eye Hospital. The topics covered the various aspects of Prof. Morin's specialization, particularly Congenital Cataract and Glaucoma, Paediatric Ophthalmology, Simple Glaucoma, and Retinoblastoma.

Dr. Morin reviewed 30 cases and conducted four operations. His work was observed by 45 doctors and 28 support staff. He gave five lectures attended by 197 participants including ophthalmologists from the public and private sectors and by Registrars and Medical Officers from various institutions.

PHILIPPINES

Loan to be repaid in pesos

A precedent-setting rescheduling agreement will see Canada accept repayment of an international loan in the local currency for the first time.

The debt to Canada is the Philippines' share of the cost of an agricultural development project in the Cagayan Valley in Northern Luzon which was begun in 1974.

The rescheduling was one of three agreements signed in Manila by Philippine Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus and Ambassador Russell Davidson in a ceremony at the Department of Foreign Affairs.

In September 1986, the Canadian government added the Philippines to its list of 32 countries eligible for on-going bilateral development assistance. A target of C\$100 million was set for the program over five years and formalized in a general agreement on development co-operation, also signed by Foreign Secretary Manglapus and Ambassador Davidson.



President Aquino receives Nelson Riis, MP, in the presence of the Honourable Paproski, MP, and Mrs. Paproski.

The government of the Philippines has made alleviating poverty, generating employment, promoting social justice and achieving sustainable economic growth its medium-term priorities.

The general agreement on development co-operation includes: training

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Filipinos in Canada, the Philippines or a third country; technical support for projects in the Philippines; providing equipment, materials, goods and services for the successful implementation of projects; and the fostering of relations between Canadian and Filipino firms and institutions.

Secretary Manglapus and Ambassador Davidson also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for which Canada will provide \$30 million worth of commercial commodities to support the Philippine economy.

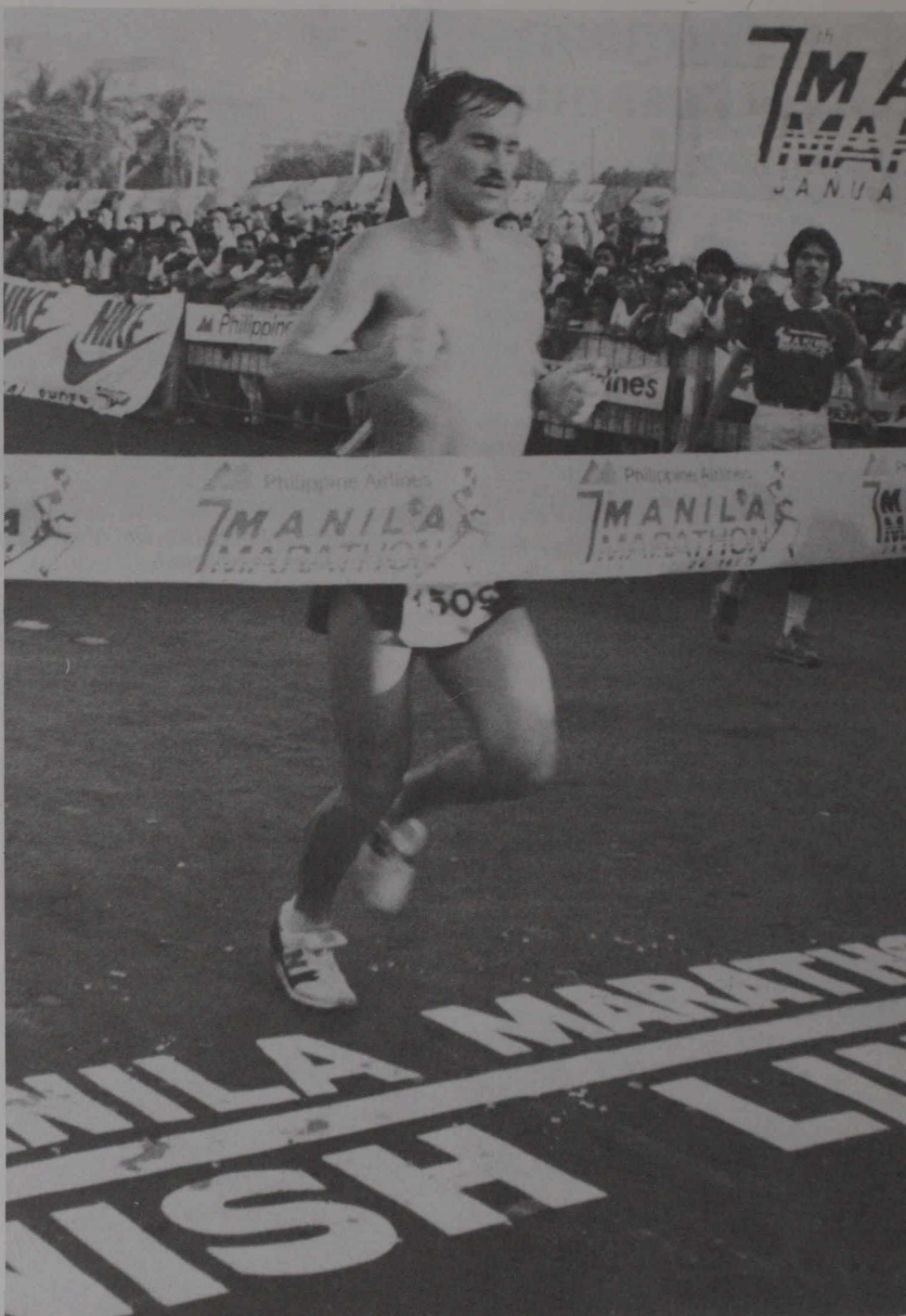
Commenting on the MOU, Canadian External Relations Minister Monique Landry said, "The provision of commodities that the Philippines would have to import is one way of strengthening the economy and helping the government to achieve its goals. Steel and textbook paper are the chief commodities to be supplied, although the agreement is flexible enough to allow for substitutes as conditions dictate."

Winning in Manila

Many people would be satisfied by achieving a third-place finish in a marathon, but not Jeff Martin. The 29 year-old Canadian was third in last year's Philippine Airlines Manila Marathon. This year he came back to win the event.

The January race attracted 1,538 participants, including 12 world-class runners. Among those Martin defeated, was last year's champion.

Martin's time of 2:25:11 was slow by international standards and behind his best time of 2:16:04, which he recorded in winning the 1987 Virginia Beach Marathon. The race started at 5:00 am but the morning heat still took its toll forcing many participants out of the running with cramps.



Jeff Martin winning the Manila marathon.

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