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COLOMBO PLAN - CANADIAN STATISTICIAN TO INDONESIA

THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT MR. JOHN D. HOWE, A RESEARCH ANALYST WITH THE CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS, HAS ACCEPTED AN ASSIGNMENT IN INDONESIA UNDER THE COLOMBO PLAN. MR. HOWE WILL LEAVE CANADA ON AUGUST 17 AND EXPECTS TO REMAIN IN INDONESIA FOR AT LEAST 12 MONTHS.

DURING HIS ASSIGNMENT MR. HOWE WILL ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATISTICS. HE WILL ALSO SPEND PART OF THE TIME LECTURING AT THE INDONESIAN ACADEMY OF STATISTICS IN DJAKARTA WHERE HE WILL JOIN MISS CONSTANCE COX, ANOTHER CANADIAN STATISTICIAN WHO HAS BEEN AT THE ACADEMY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE COLOMBO PLAN SINCE 1958.

THE ORGANIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF STATISTICAL SERVICES HAS FORMED AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT PLANS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA. IN 1958 THE ACADEMY OF STATISTICS WAS ESTABLISHED BY PRIME MINISTER'S DECREE. THIS ACADEMY GIVES A THREE-YEAR COURSE LEADING TO A BACHELORS DEGREE IN STATISTICS AND ITS TEACHERS ARE DRAWN FROM THE CENTRAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS, THE UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA, AND INCLUDE AS WELL OFFICIALS FROM THE MINISTRIES OF FINANCE, TRADE, ETC. THE PRESENT DIRECTOR OF THE ACADEMY SPENT A NUMBER OF YEARS IN OTTAWA ON A COLOMBO PLAN FELLOWSHIP STUDYING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA AND WORKING WITH THE DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS.

MR. HOWE IS A GRADUATE OF MCGILL UNIVERSITY AND SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS COLLEGE AND IS A MEMBER OF THE MONTREAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION, THE MONTREAL CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN STATISTICAL ASSOCIATION, THE AMERICAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION OF NORTHWESTERN

UNIVERSITY, ILLINOIS, AND THE REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA. FOR SOME MONTHS HE WORKED AS AN ECONOMIST FOR THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON CANADA'S ECONOMIC PROSPECTS AND, SINCE 1949, HE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS IN MONTREAL.

MR. HOWE WILL TRAVEL BY AIR TO DJAKARTA, INDONESIA, WHERE HE WILL BE JOINED LATER BY HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN.