

SPEECH BY THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
THANKING CANADA FOR THE GIFT TO THE
UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA AT THE FACULTY
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Your Excellency, Mr Vice-Chancellor,¹ Ladies and Gentlemen, our University, the University of Malaya, is a young one. The Kuala Lumpur Division of the University is younger still than the Singapore Division. The University therefore needs as much assistance as possible in the form of men and materials from more established universities and more developed countries. Under the circumstances the gift of a Gamble Stereoscopic Plotter from the Canadian Government which has already provided several scholarships and other assistance is very welcome. On behalf of the Government of the Federation of Malaya (and also of the University of Malaya) I should like to thank the Canadian Government very much for this gift.

What pleases me especially about this gift is that it will indirectly benefit the Rural Development Programme of this country, for the instrument is a map-making instrument. As you all know, we are embarking on land development on a large scale. This necessitates suitable maps. The instrument or machine will help to train our students to produce these maps. We have a fine Survey Department which does produce maps, but any map-makers or cartographers produced by the University will be a valuable addition to it.

Once again I wish to say thank you to Mr High Commissioner² and the Canadian Government for this most useful gift.

¹ Sir Alexander Oppenheim.

² Mr A. R. Menzies.