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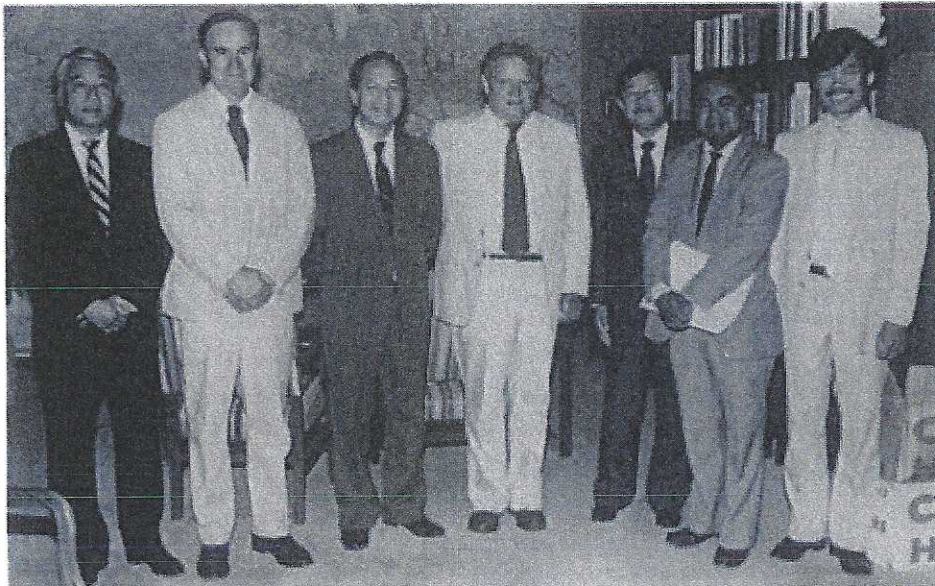
Major Donor and Resettlement Nations

The world refugee situation has evoked an ongoing and generous response from many donor and resettlement countries. However, for understandable reasons, Australia, Canada, and the United States extend the most opportunities for permanent resettlement. These same three countries join with Japan and the nations of the European Community in providing the bulk of material and financial assistance needed to support refugees in the generally less-developed first-asylum countries.

Each of the three major resettlement countries bases its admissions policies on the definition of refugee established by the United Nations Convention and Protocols. Although the programs of each differ, there are two common factors: designation of groups or nationalities of special humanitarian concern,

and the ability to respond quickly to emergency situations. In 1986, the largest number of resettlement places were offered to refugees from Southeast Asia, but substantial programs were also available for refugees from Eastern Europe, Latin America, the Near East, and Africa.

The major donor nations work together with the international community in a variety of intergovernmental bodies which address international refugee affairs, including the UNHCR Executive Committee, the UNRWA Advisory Commission, the ICM Council, donor groups supporting UNBRO and ICRC, and several ad hoc humanitarian working groups. In addition, each government collaborates with and often works through private voluntary organizations to assure that refugee populations



The US Coordinator for Refugee Affairs, Ambassador Jonathan Moore, and Deputy Assistant Secretary Robert Fumeth meet with the Board of Directors of the Indochina Resource Action Center, in July 1987. From left to right: Mr. Andy Ash, Mr. Fumeth, Mr. La Xuan Khan, Ambassador Moore, Mr. Kry M. Trung, Mr. May Sam-Osom, and Dr. Bounfeng Phommavongvuth.