

the accused, criminal law reform, and exchanges between lawyers. The new focus on human rights and democratic development in CIDA's development program has increased the amount of funding available for co-operative work. To further these objectives, Canada has invited the Chairman of the National People's Congress, Qiao Shi, and a high-level Chinese delegation to study human rights institutions and structures in Canada.

- Bilateral, high-level visits over the last year have emphasized good governance. State Councillor Li Guixian and Personnel Minister Song Defu held discussions in May 1995 in Ottawa on civil service reform and public service management. This visit also provided an opportunity to share views on a number of issues at the forefront of China's agenda for reform: corruption and abuse of power, structural problems in government institutions and reform of the role of government. During his visit to Beijing in July 1995, Human Resource Development Minister Lloyd Axworthy followed up with discussions on Canada's experiences in improving programs dealing with pension system reform, labour adjustment, job creation and education.
- Three projects announced by Prime Minister Chrétien last November — senior judges training, the implementation of China's Women's Law and statistical information management training — are all in the final design stages.
- A high-level visit from a delegation from the National People's Congress to study governance and the functioning of institutions in Canada is also expected to be scheduled in the near future.

### **Peace and Security**

- International peace and security are key elements of Canada's foreign policy. This cannot be achieved without the full participation of China, one of the world's most powerful and influential countries. China has one fifth of the world's population and is a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council and a nuclear weapons state with the world's largest active forces.
- Canada and China maintain a dialogue on regional security, non-proliferation, arms control and peacekeeping. The two countries last held bilateral security talks in August 1995. Canada intends to remain engaged in this dialogue, particularly on issues such as the Korean peninsula and nuclear non-proliferation.
- As Pacific countries and members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Regional Forum, Canada and China share an interest in global and regional peace and security. The ASEAN Regional Forum is an